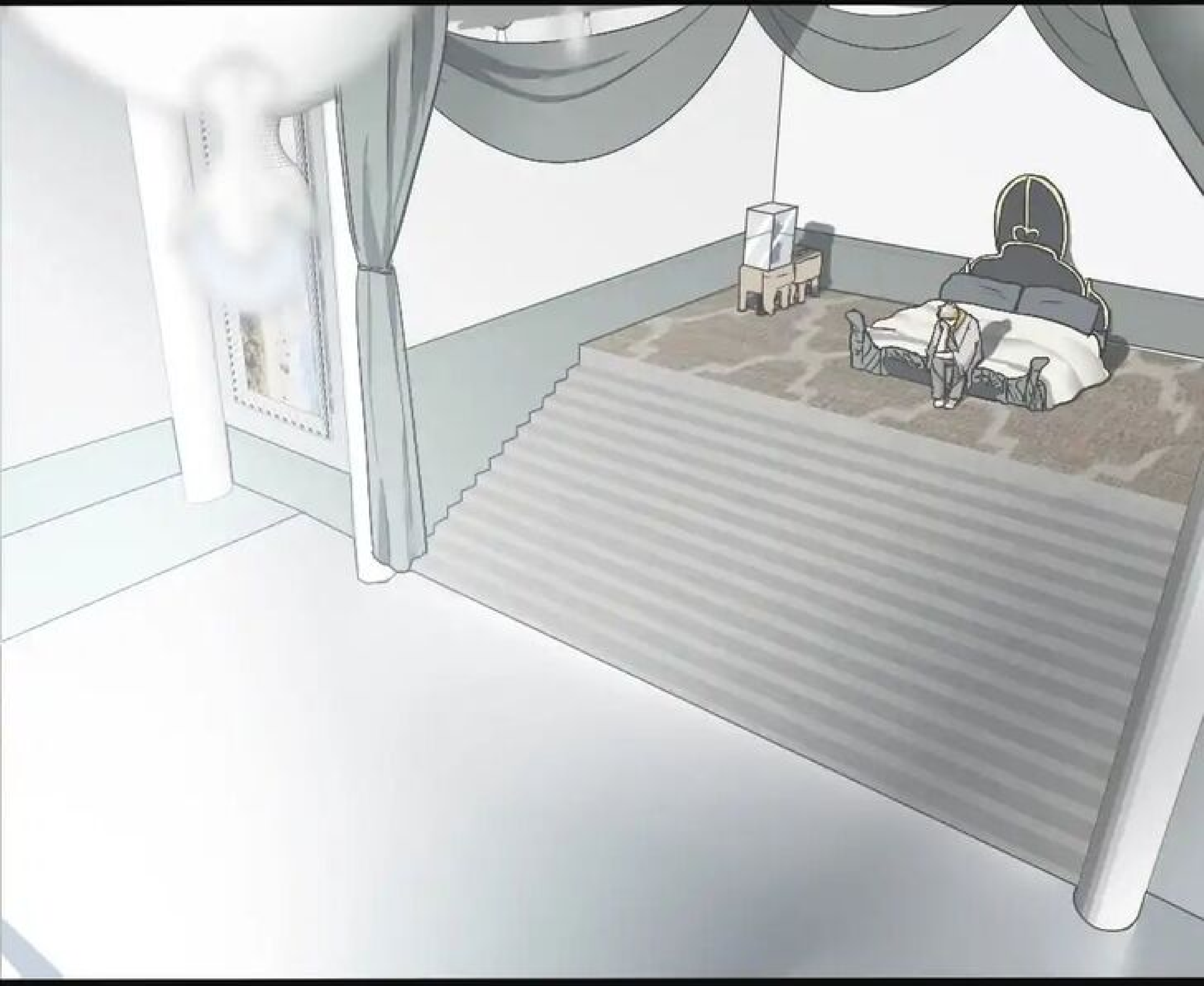

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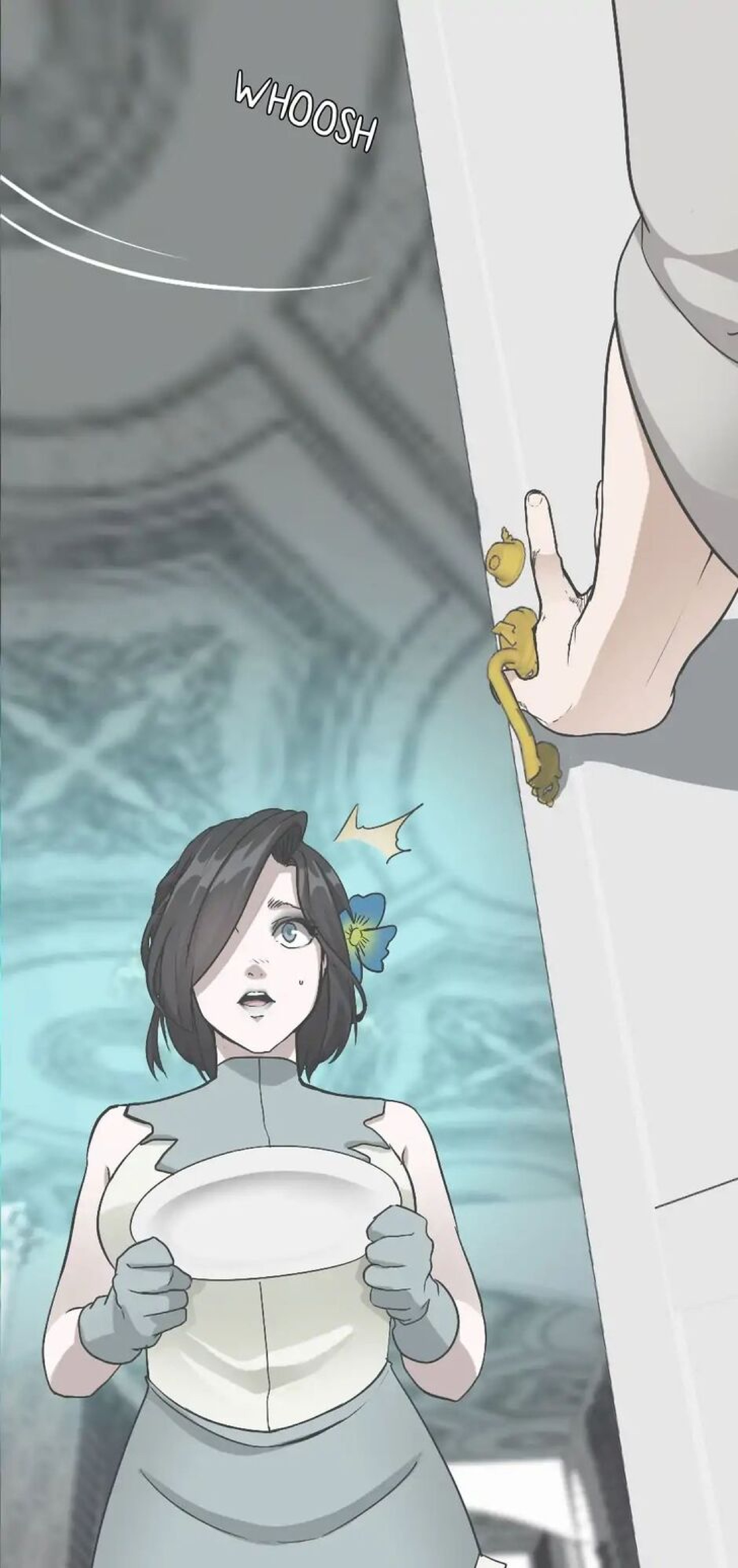
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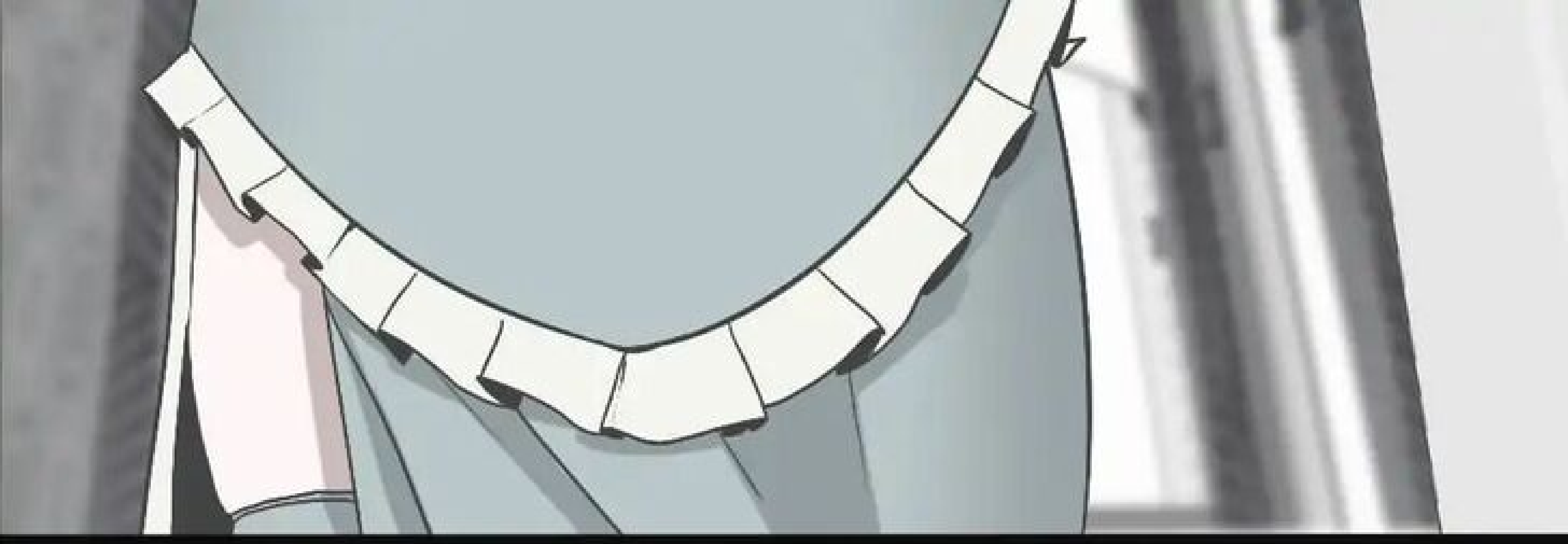

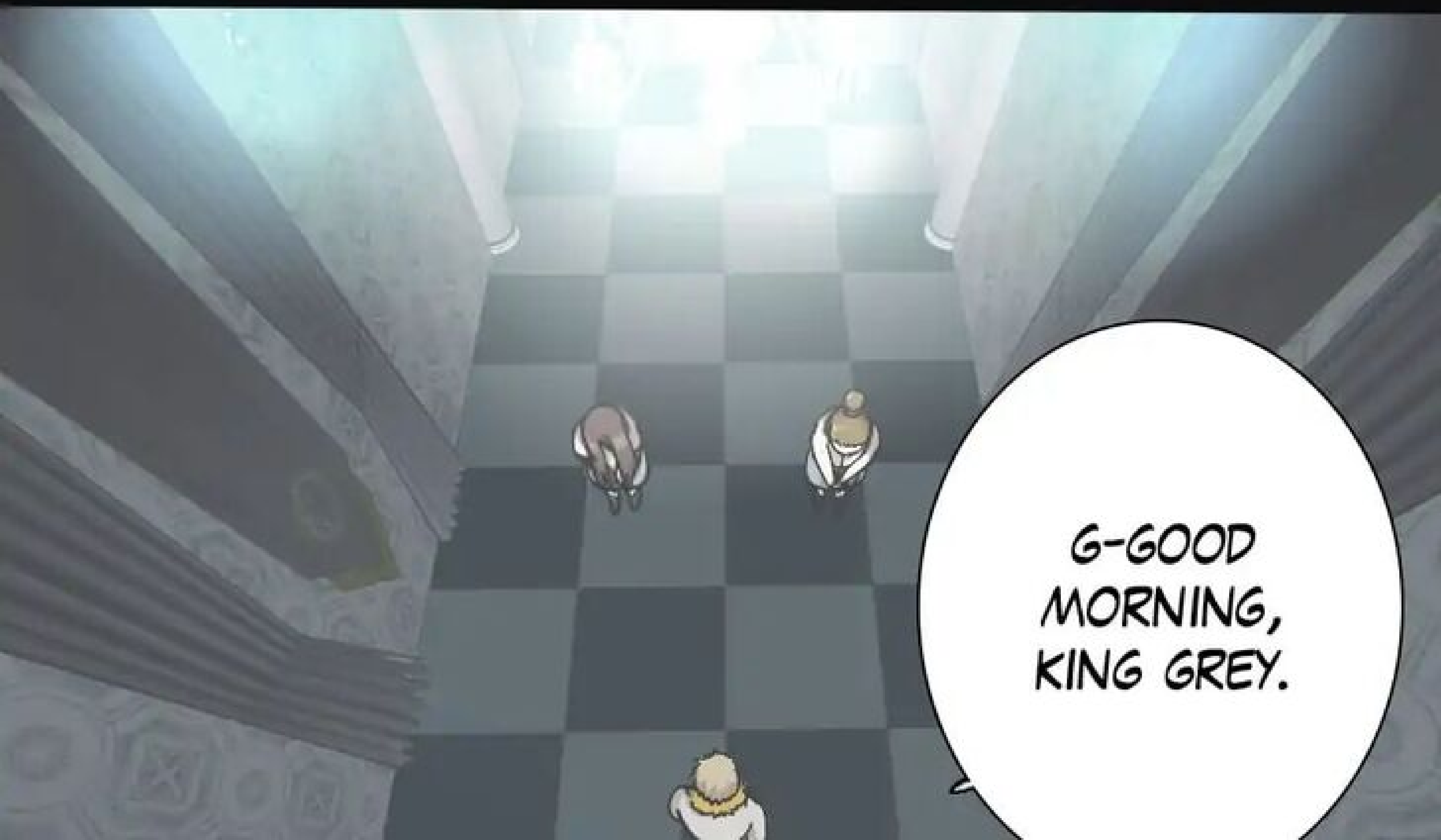
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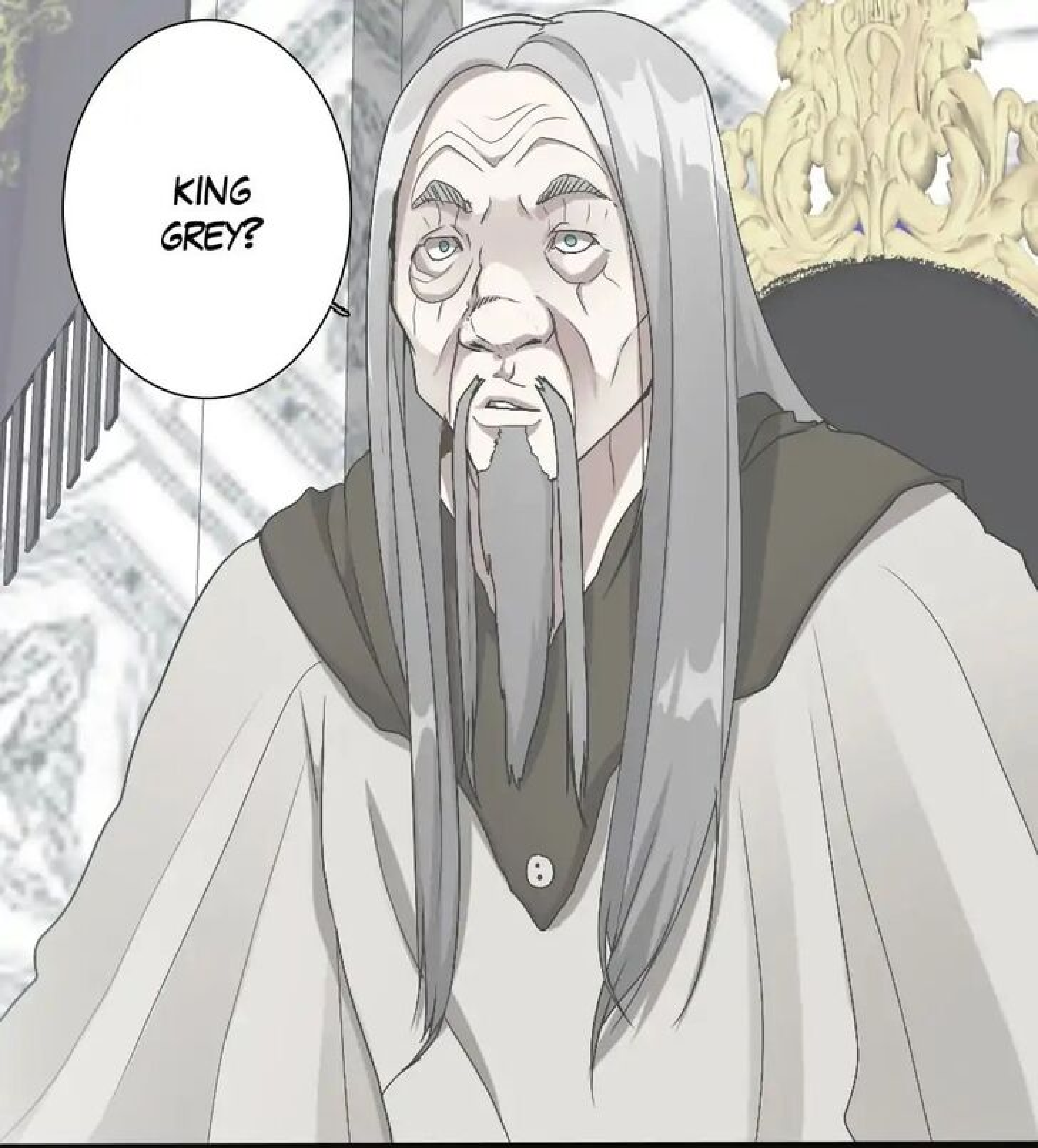
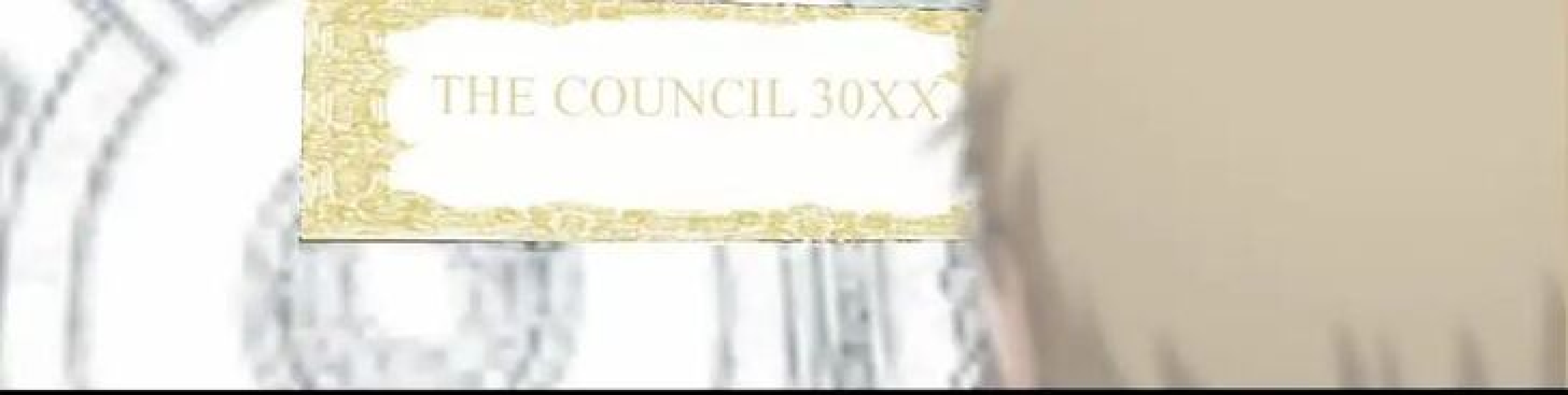
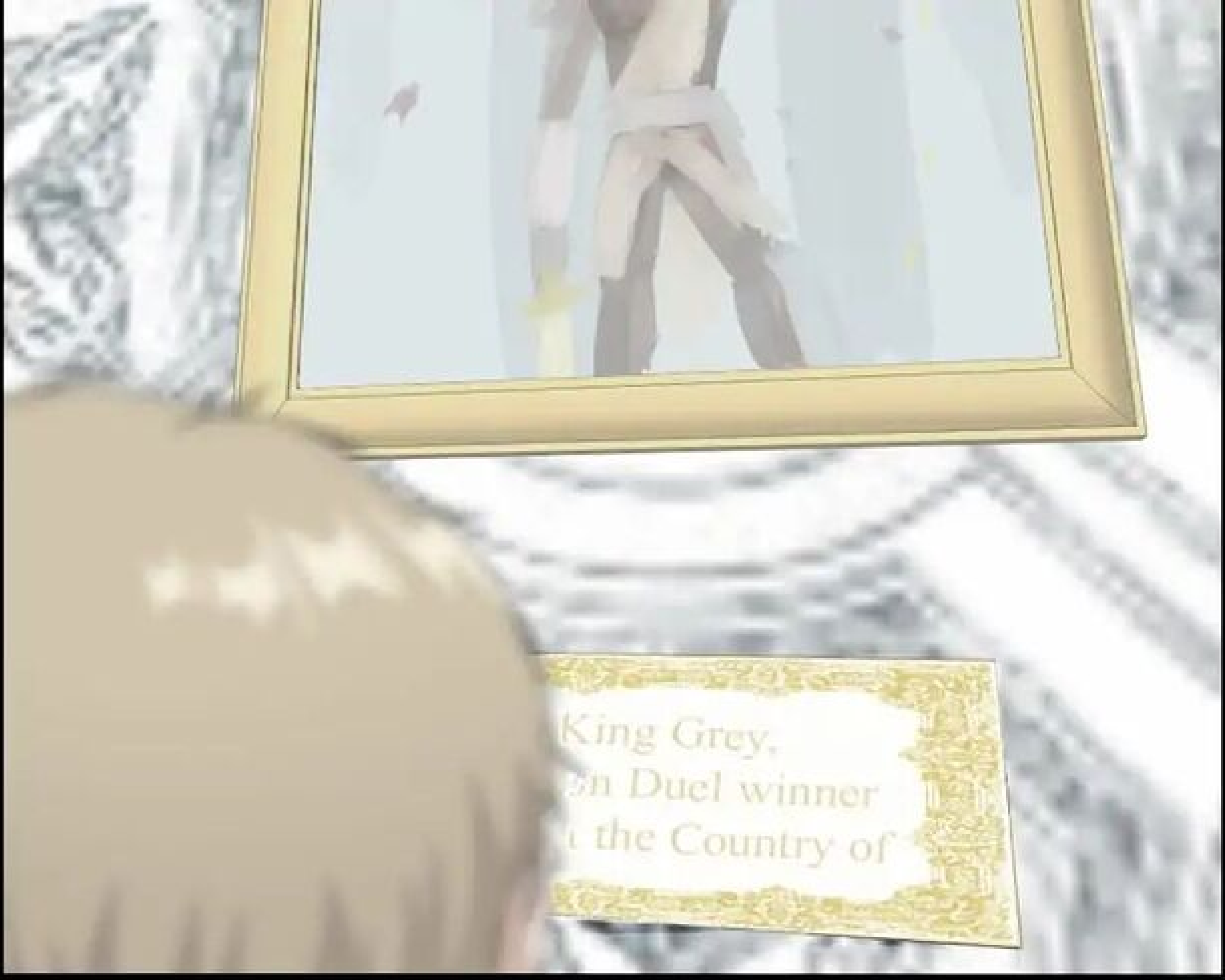

KING GREY?


THE COUNCIL 30XX

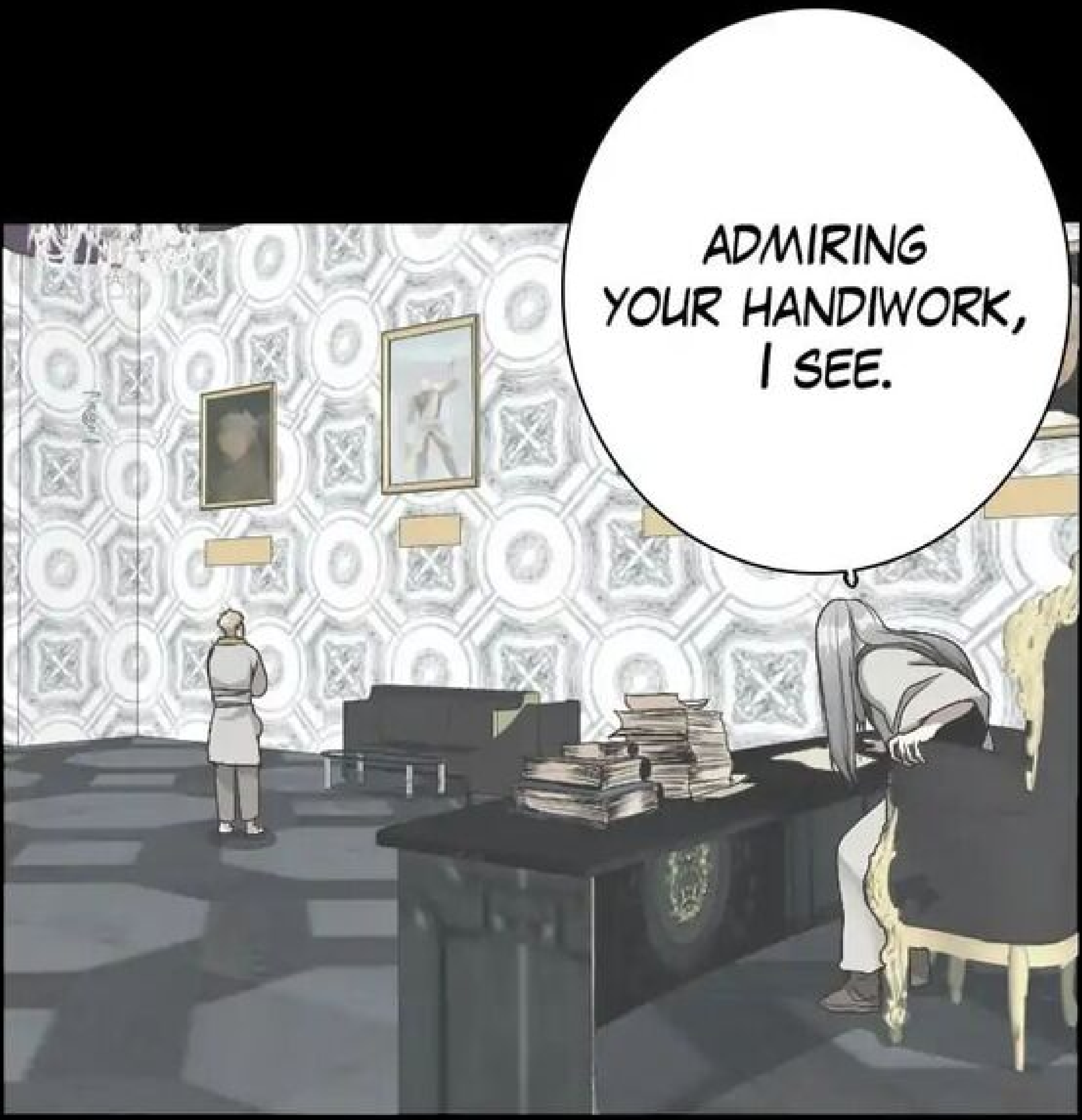
THE COUNCIL,
THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY
GOVERNED THE COUNTRY,
MANAGING ITS POLITICS
AND ECONOMY.


King Grey,
en Duel winner
the Country of

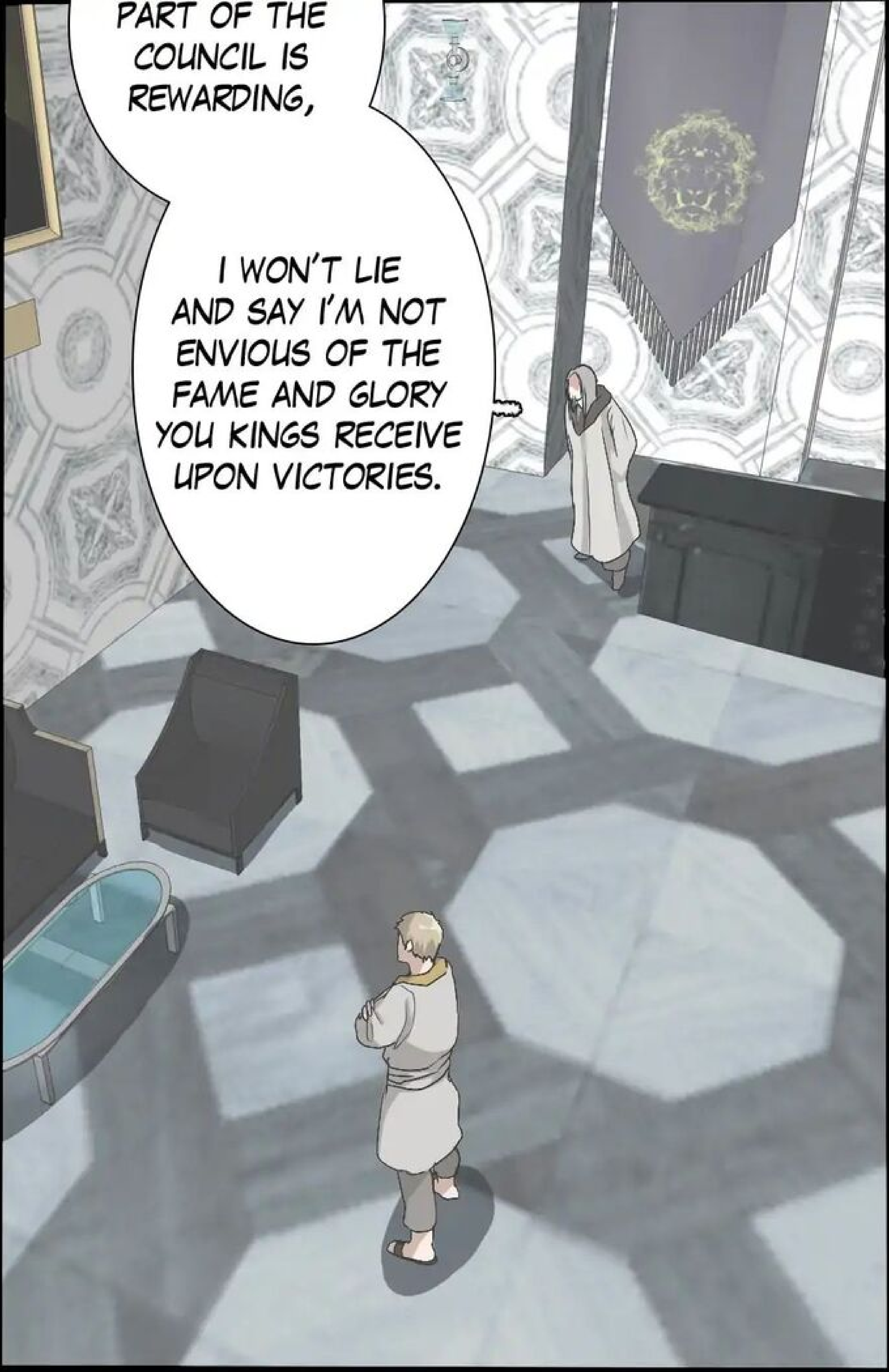
IN A WORLD
RIDDLED WITH PROBLEMS
LIKE DECREASING BIRTH RATES AND
LIMITED RESOURCES, WARS WERE REPLACED
BY DUELS AND ARMIES
BY KINGS.

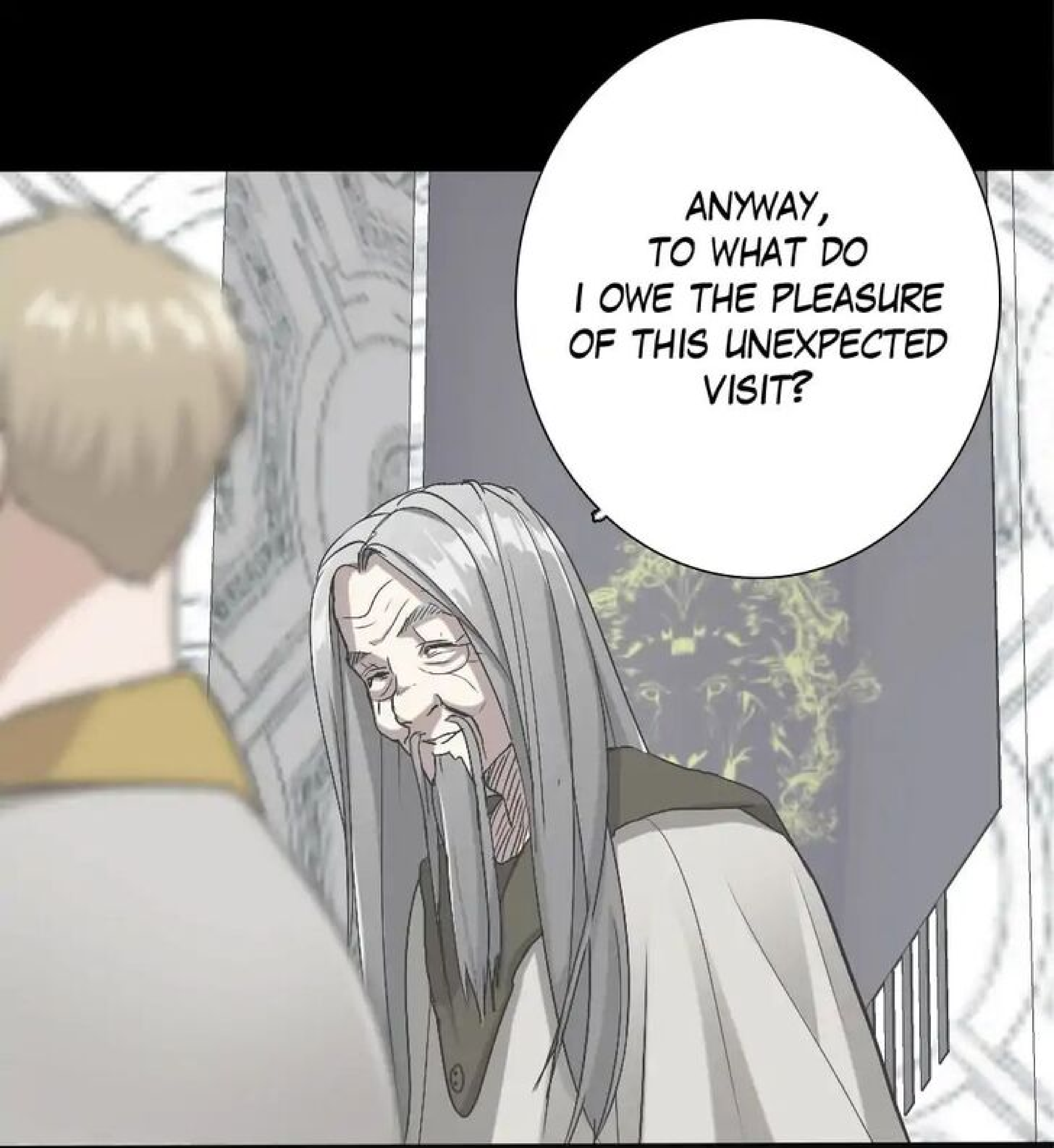
I
WAS ONE

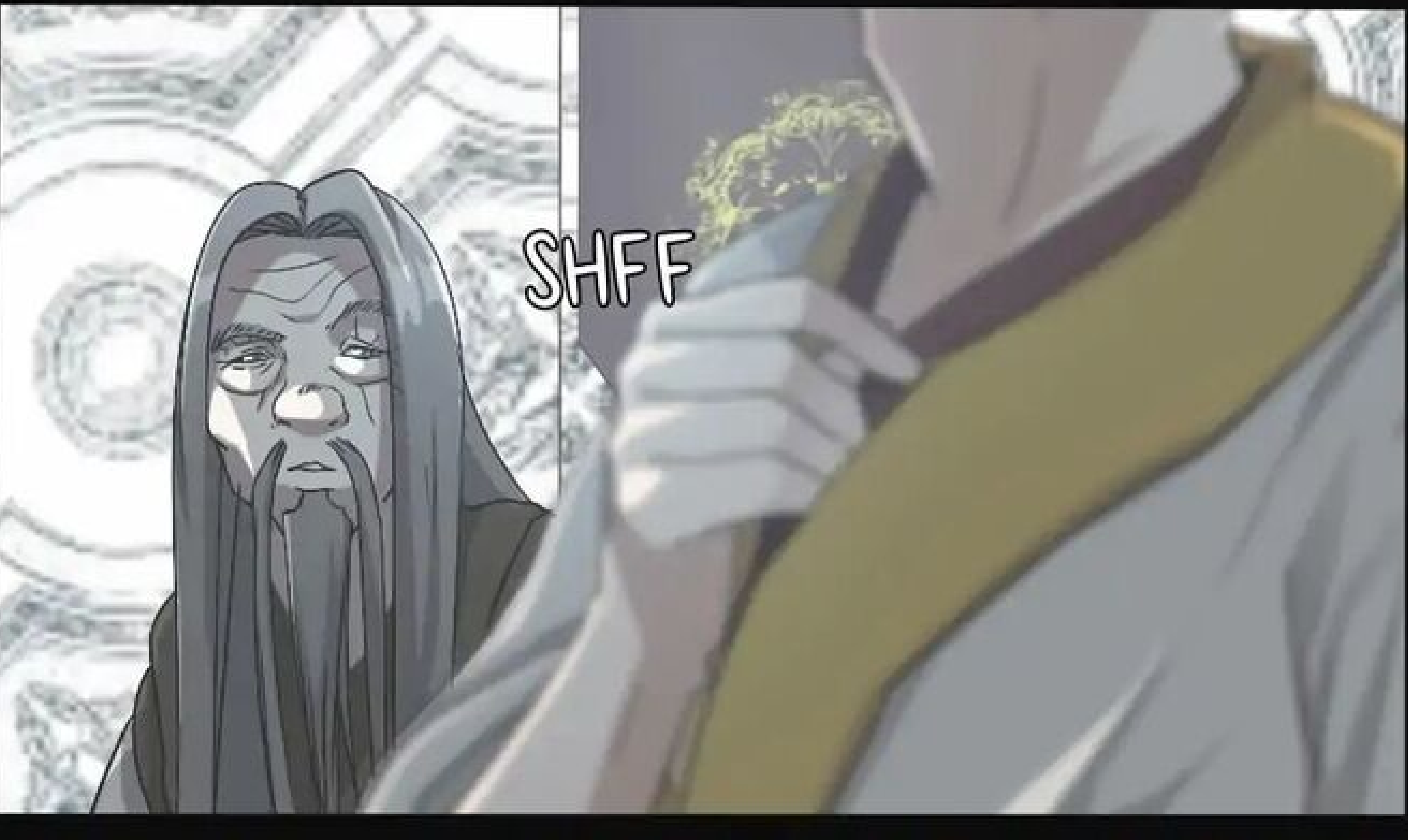
OF THEM.


ADMIRING YOUR HANDIWORK, I SEE.

WHILE BEING


PART OF THE COUNCIL IS REWARDING,
I WON'T LIE AND SAY I'M NOT ENVIOUS OF THE FAME AND GLORY YOU KINGS RECEIVE UPON VICTORIES.


ANYWAY, TO WHAT DO I OWE THE PLEASURE OF THIS UNEXPECTED VISIT?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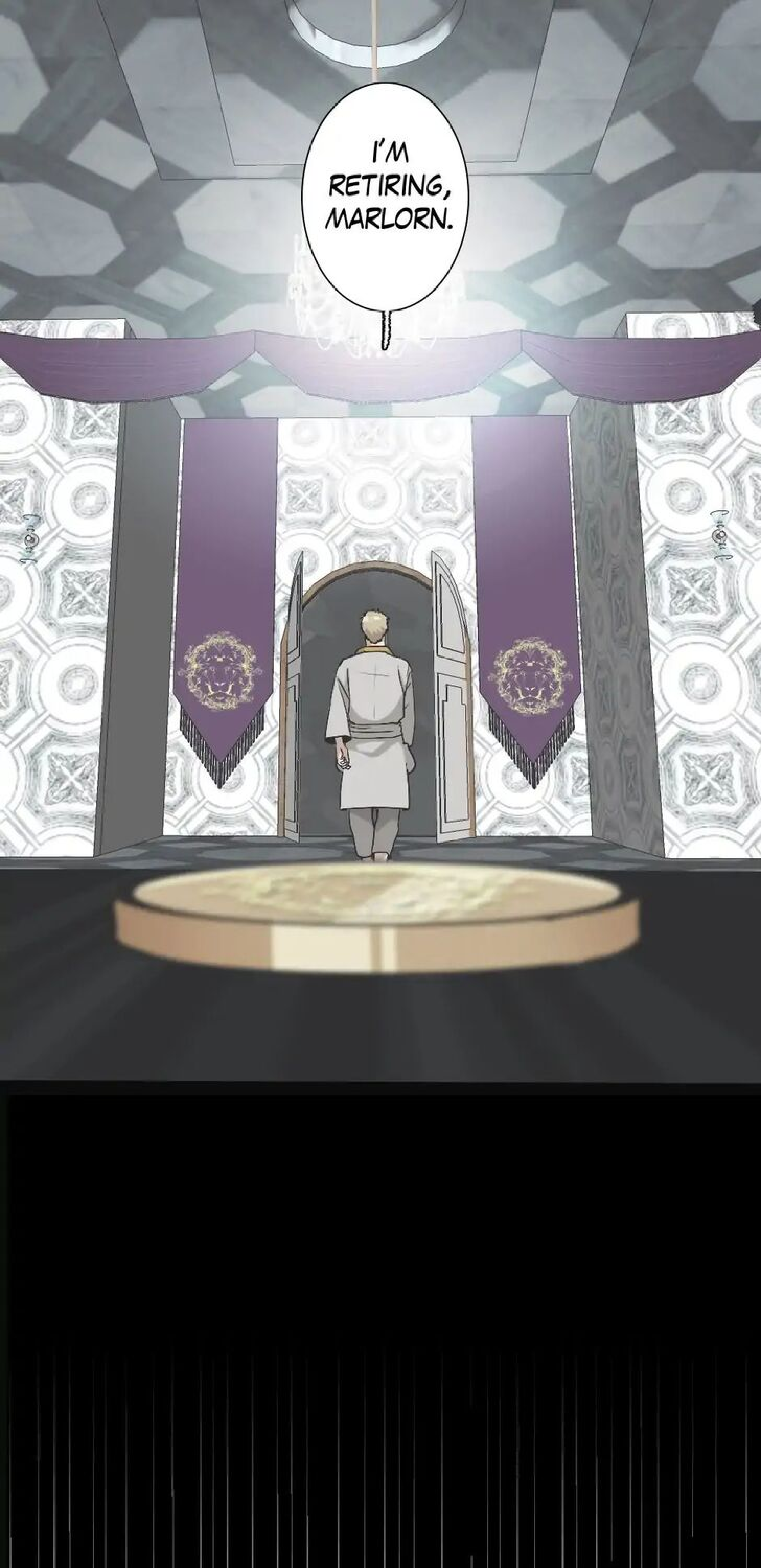
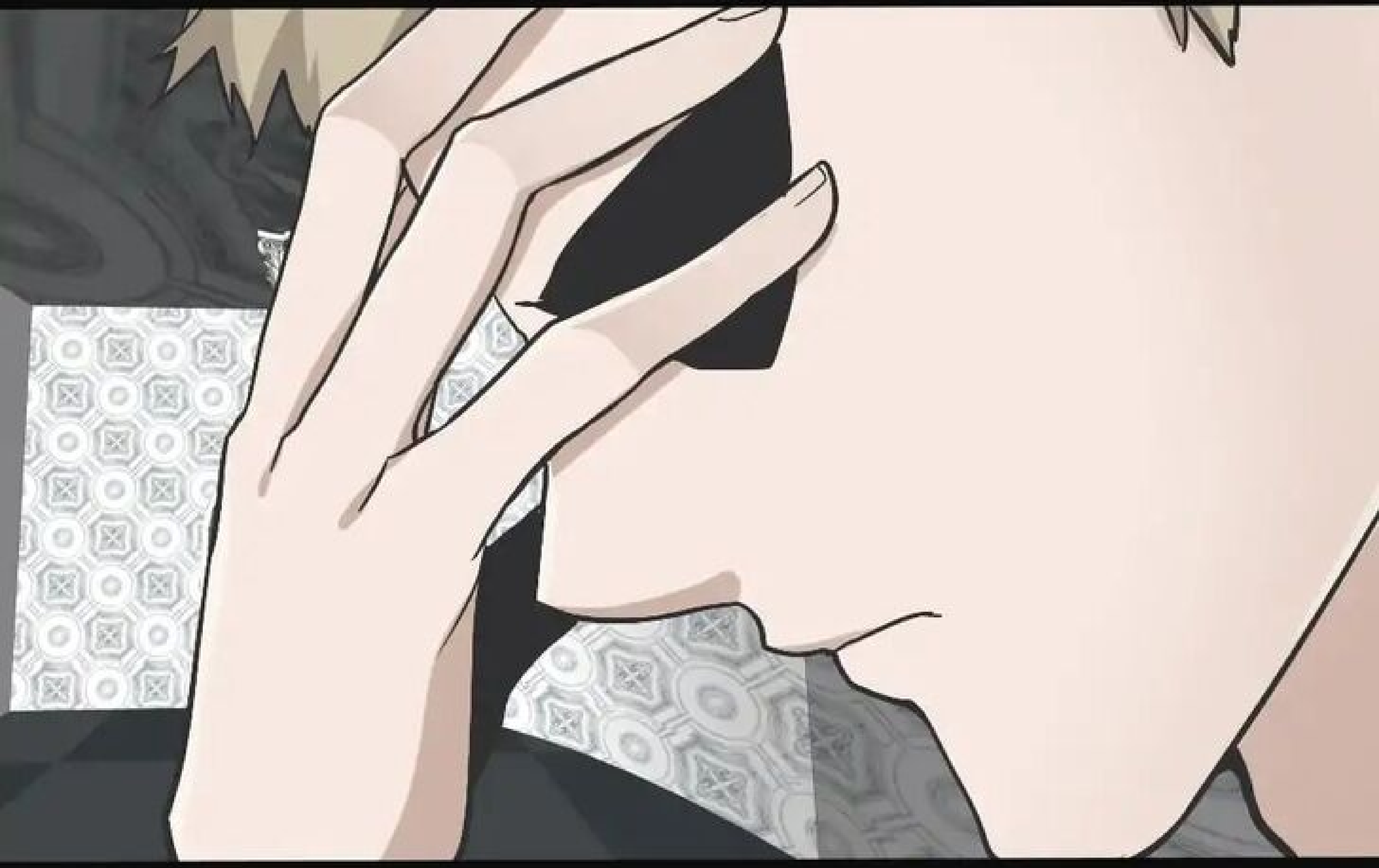
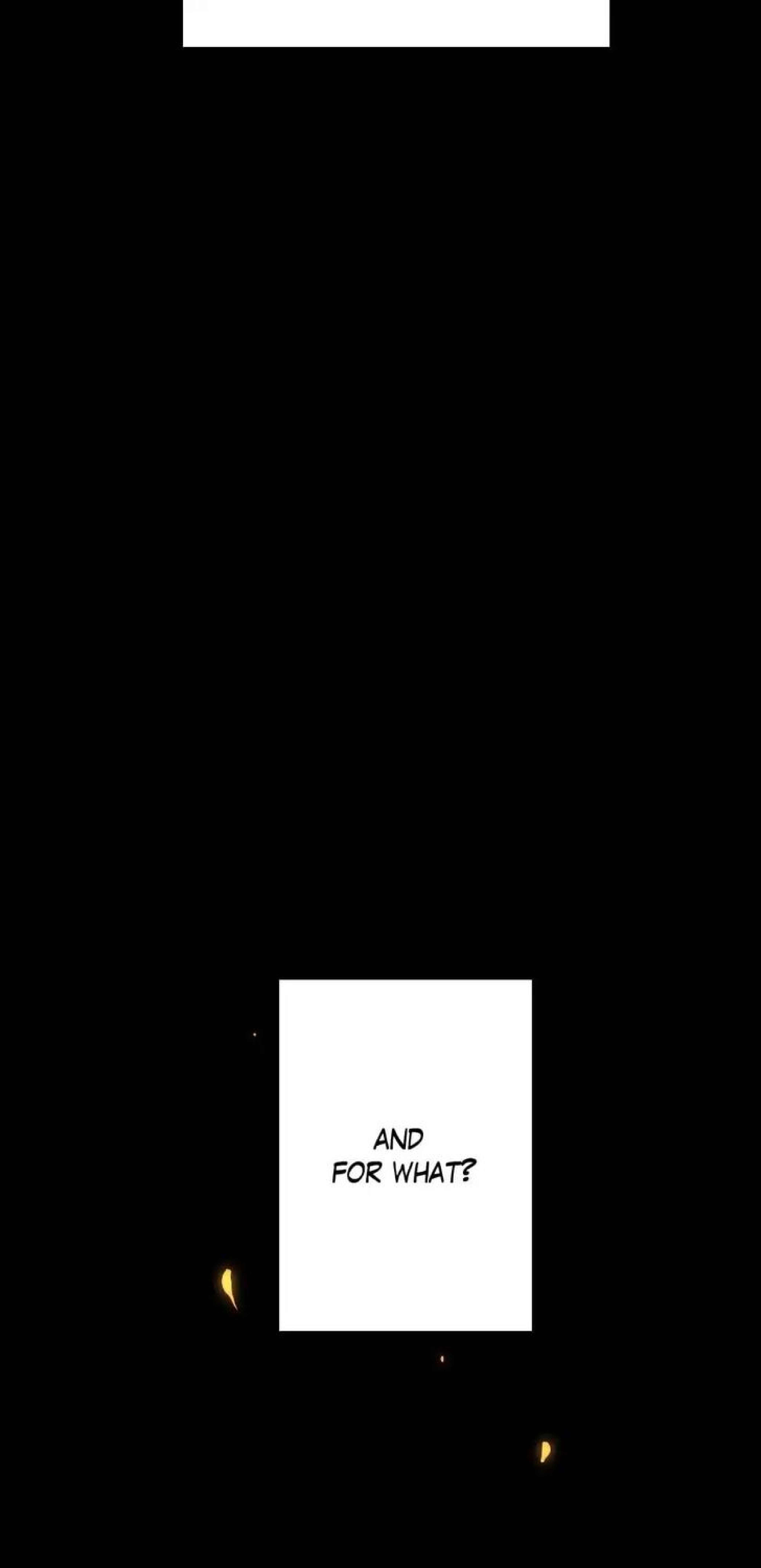

I'M RETIRING, MARLORN.

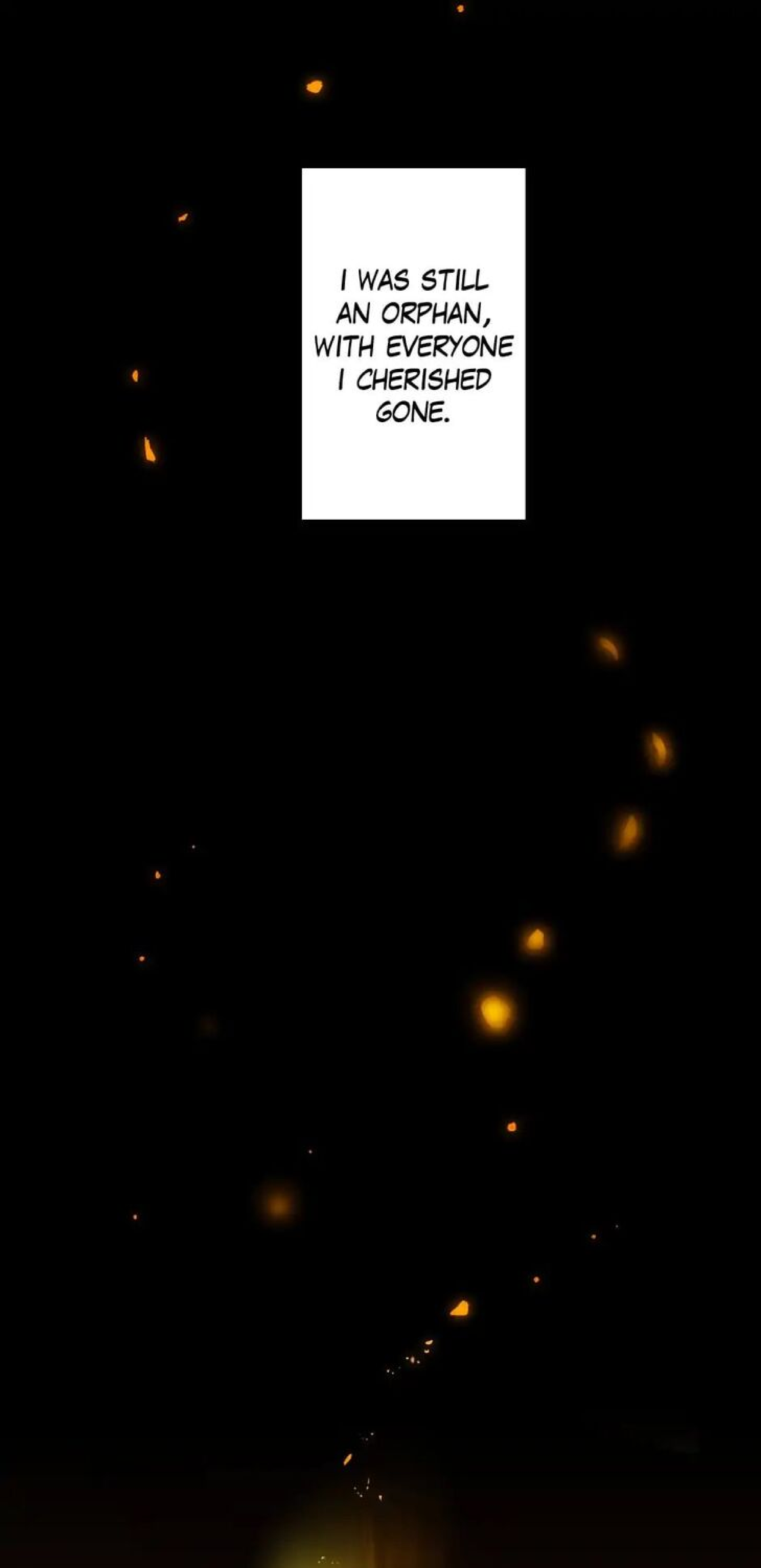
GREY? HOLD ON!



I SPENT
MY WHOLE LIFE FOR
THE SAKE OF BEING
THE STRONGEST.


AND
FOR WHAT?

FAME?
GLORY?


I WAS STILL AN ORPHAN, WITH EVERYONE I CHERISHED GONE.

I'D GIVE
UP EVERYTHING
I HAD IN THAT LIFE
FOR THE CHANCE TO GO
BACK TO ASHBER AND
SEE THEM ALL
AGAIN.

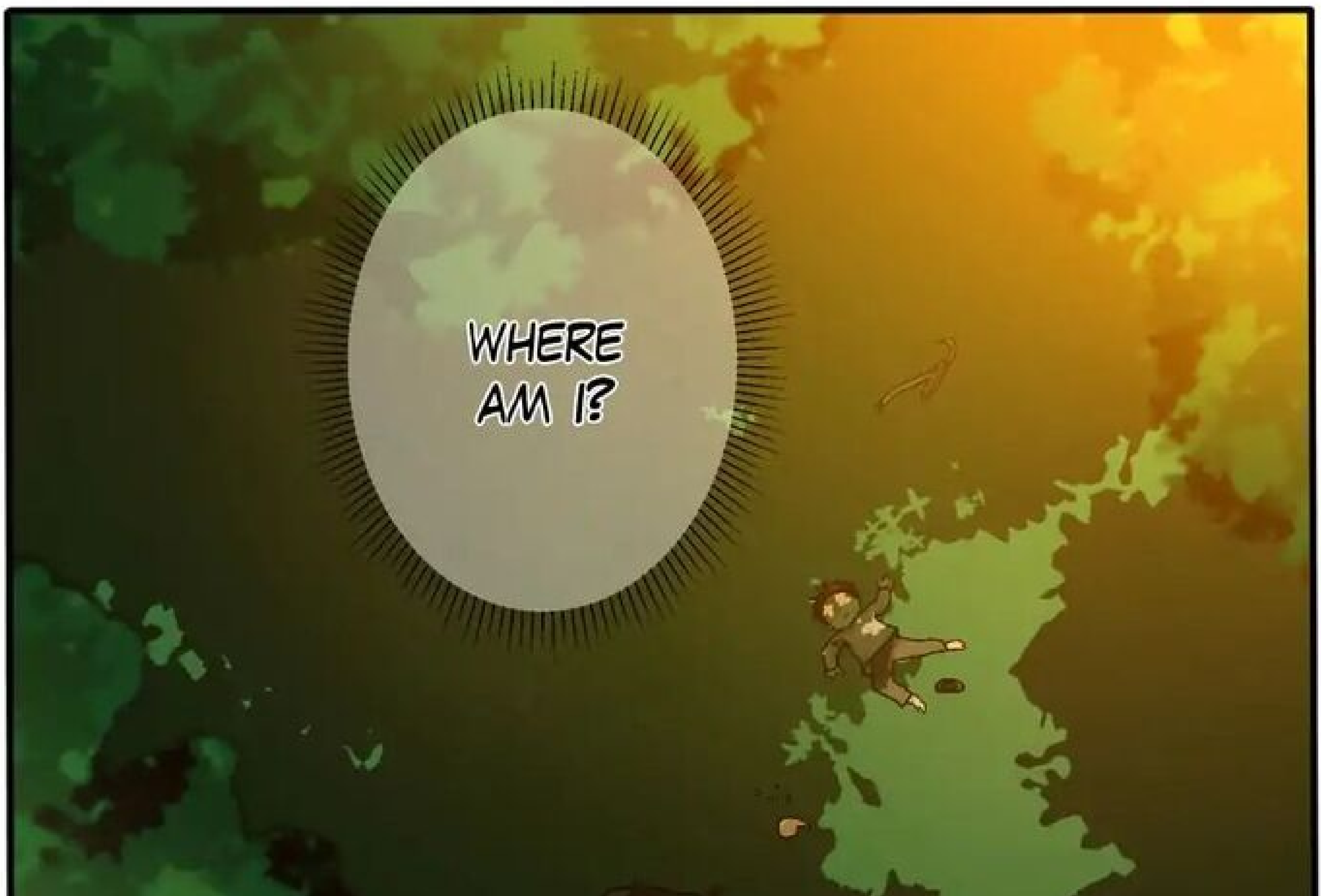
THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

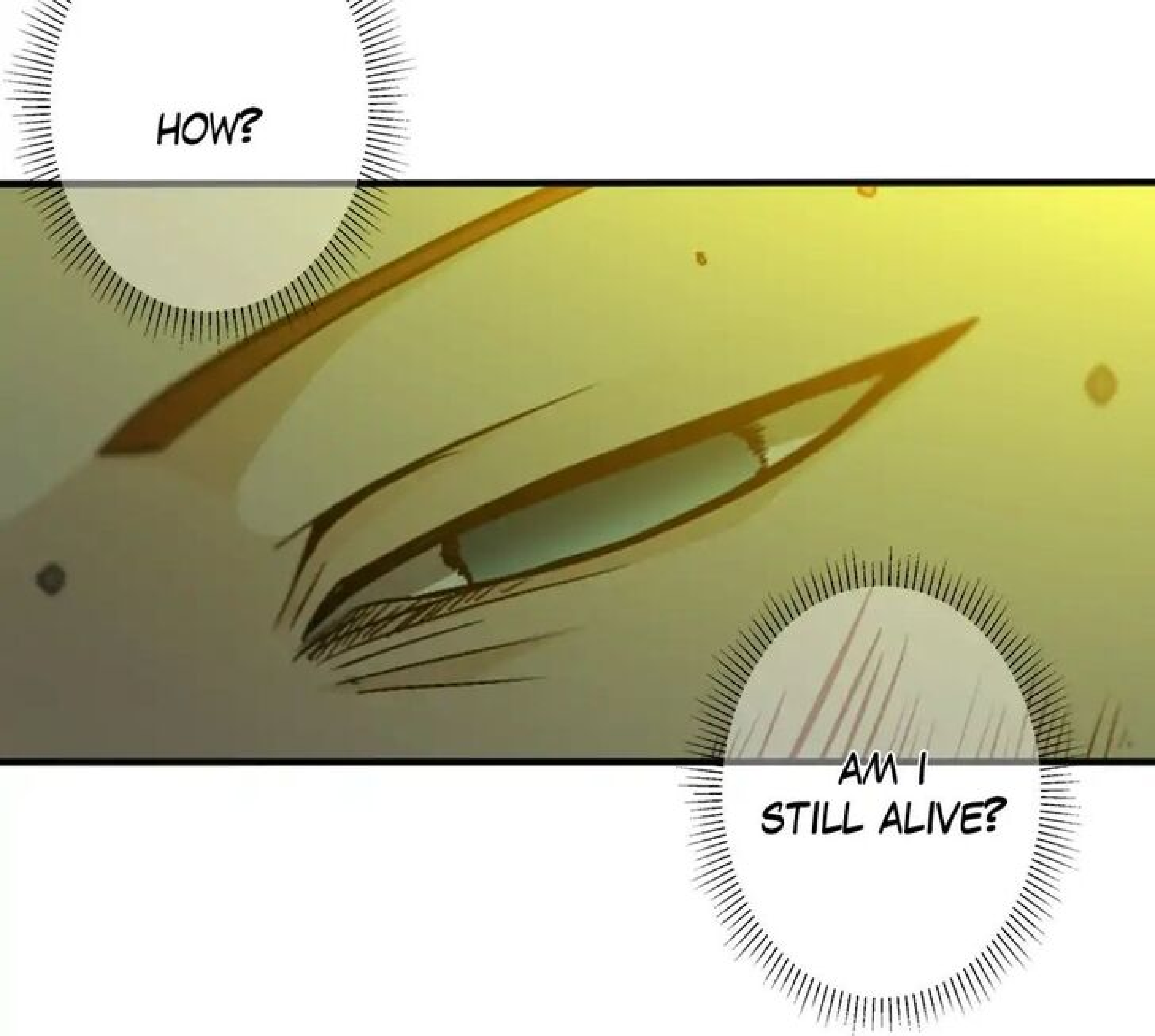
STORY BY
TURTLEME

ART BY
FUYUKI23

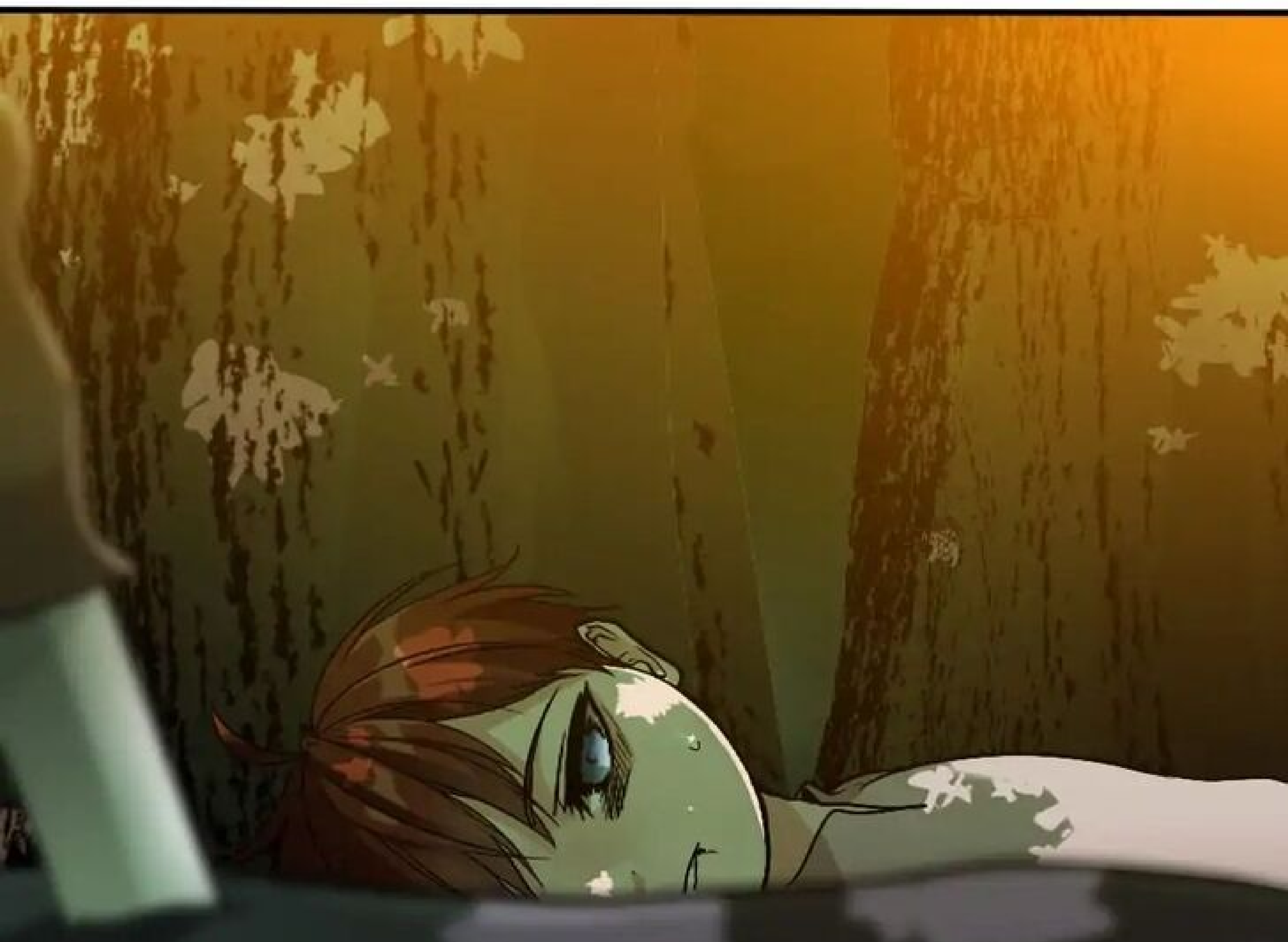
COLOR ASSISTANT BY
ISSATSU

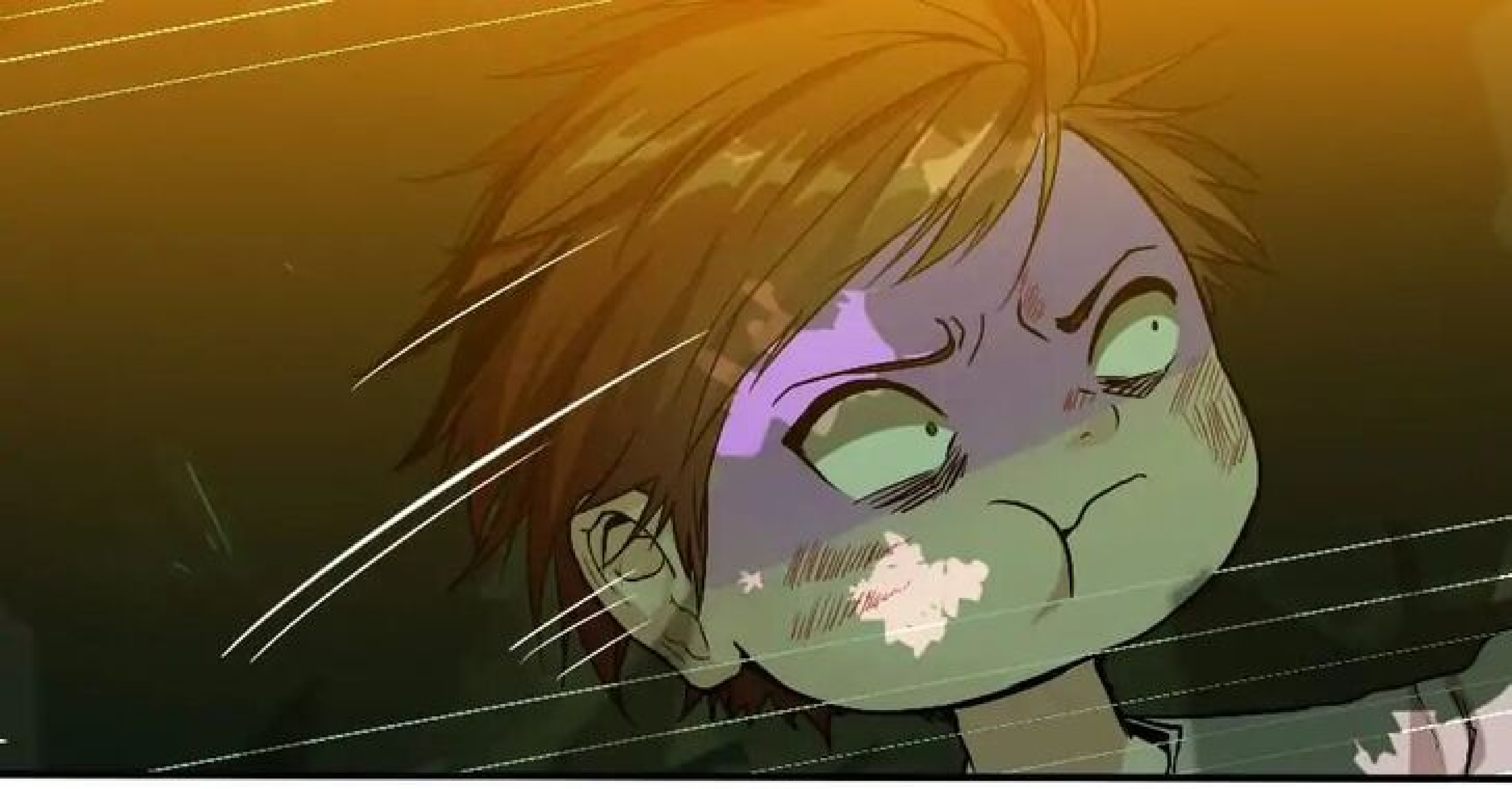
QUALITY CONTROL BY
KISAI ENTERTAINMENT

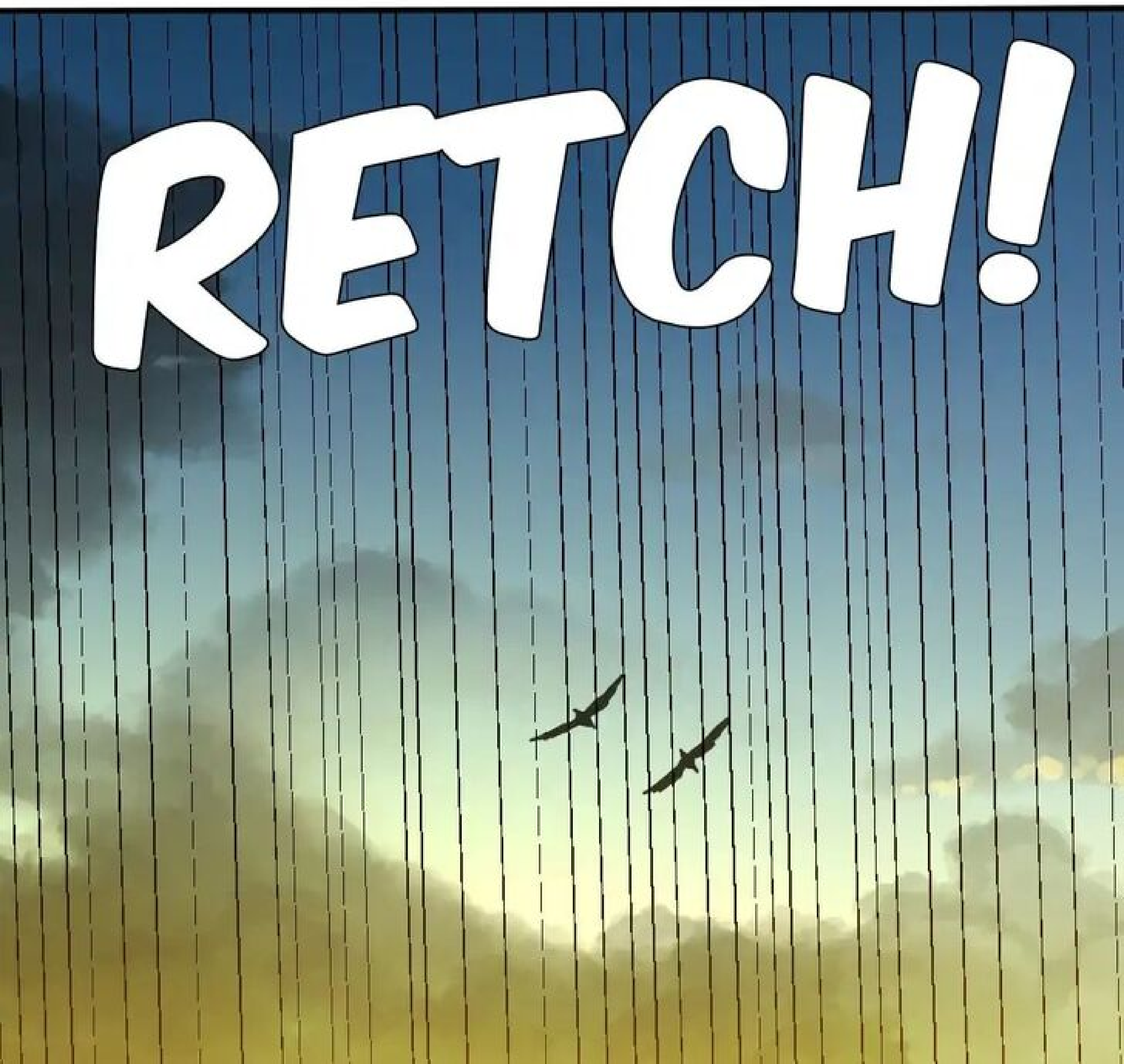

WHERE AM I?


HOW?
AM I STILL ALIVE?

DAMN



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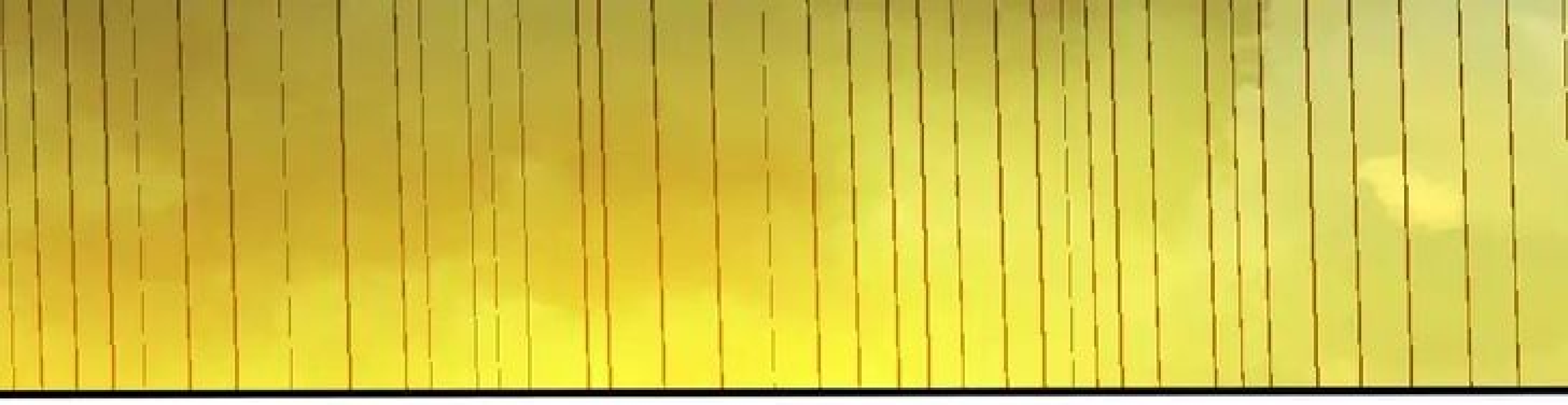

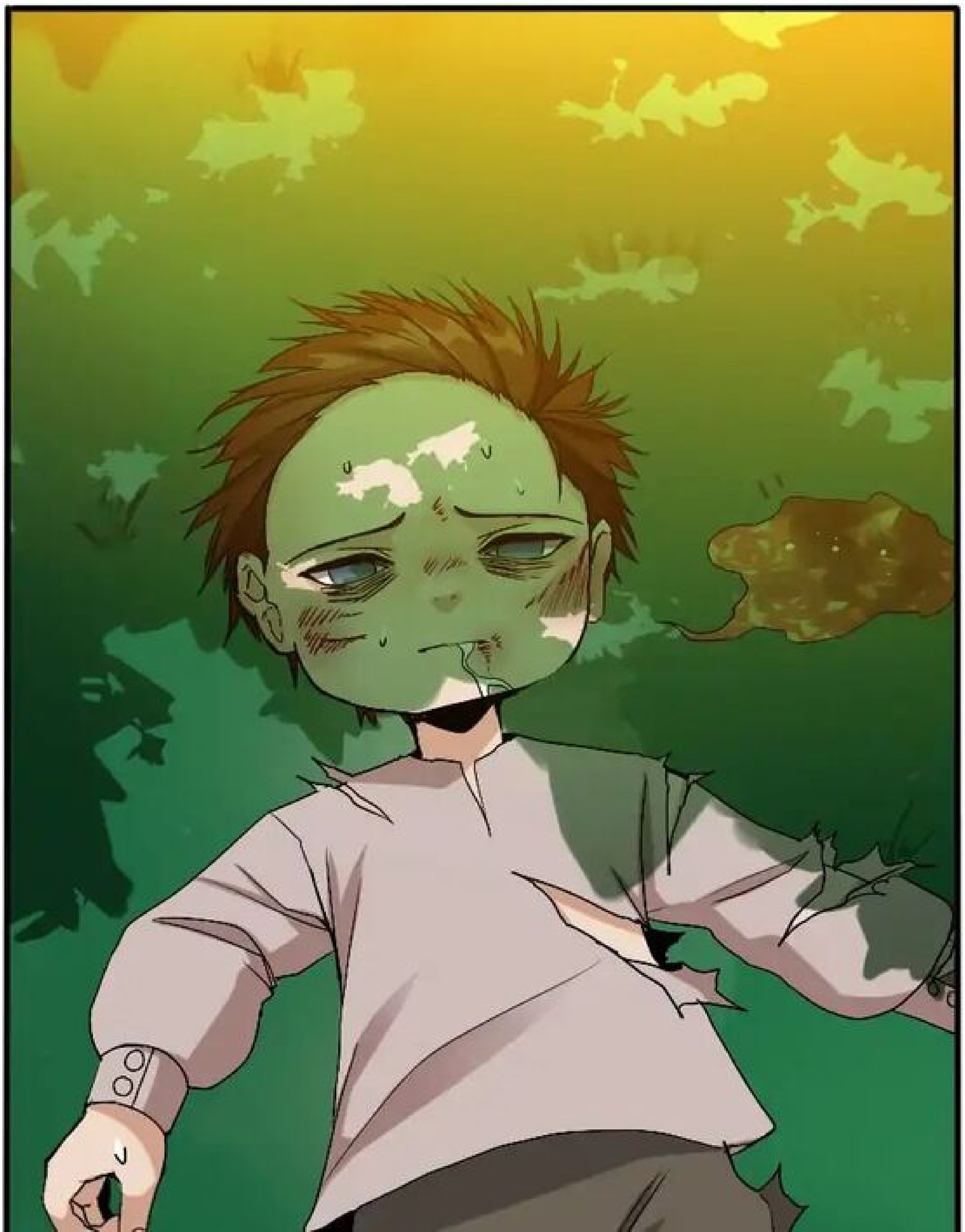

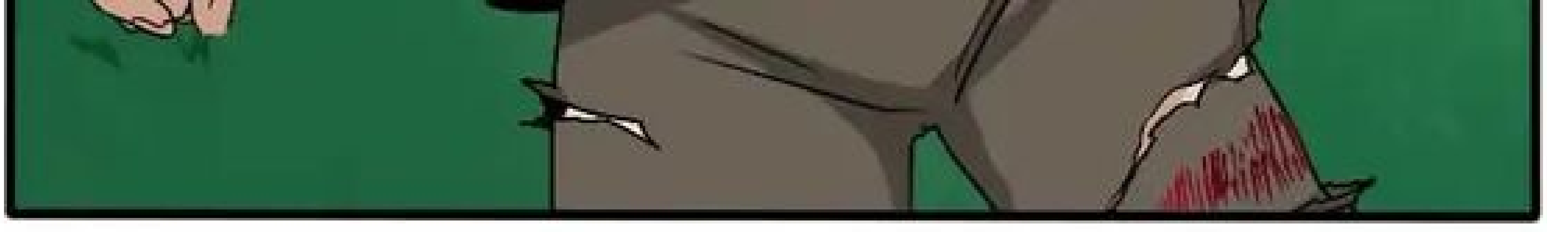

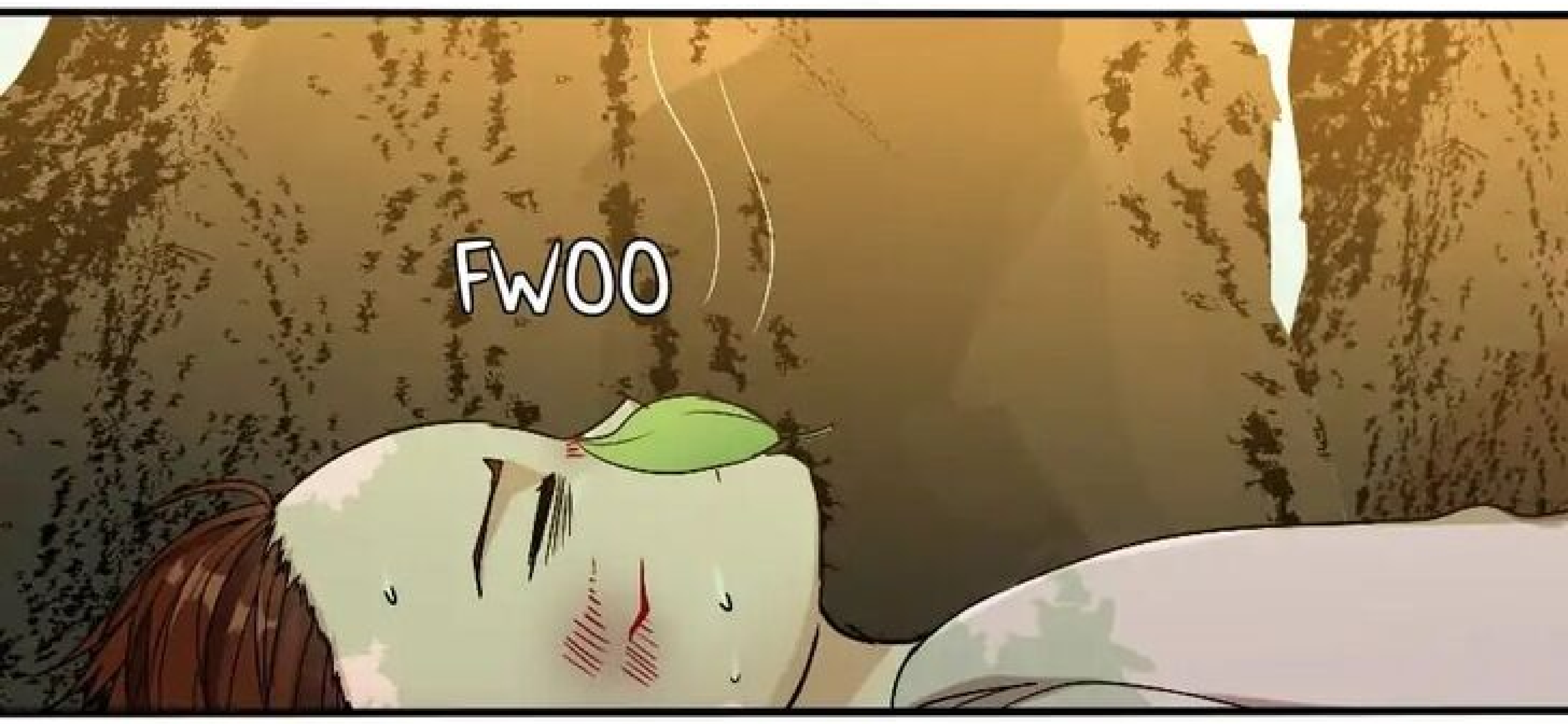
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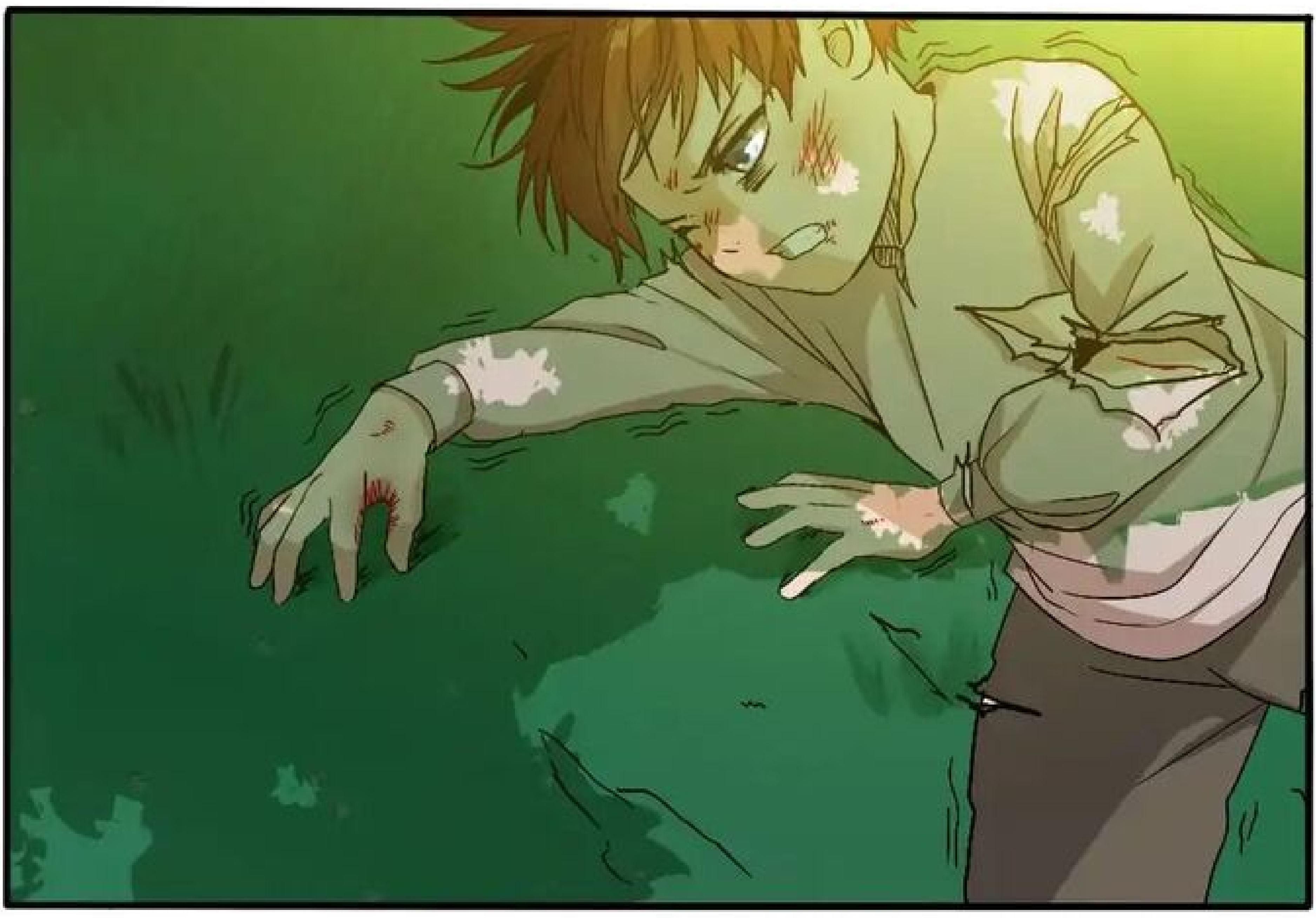

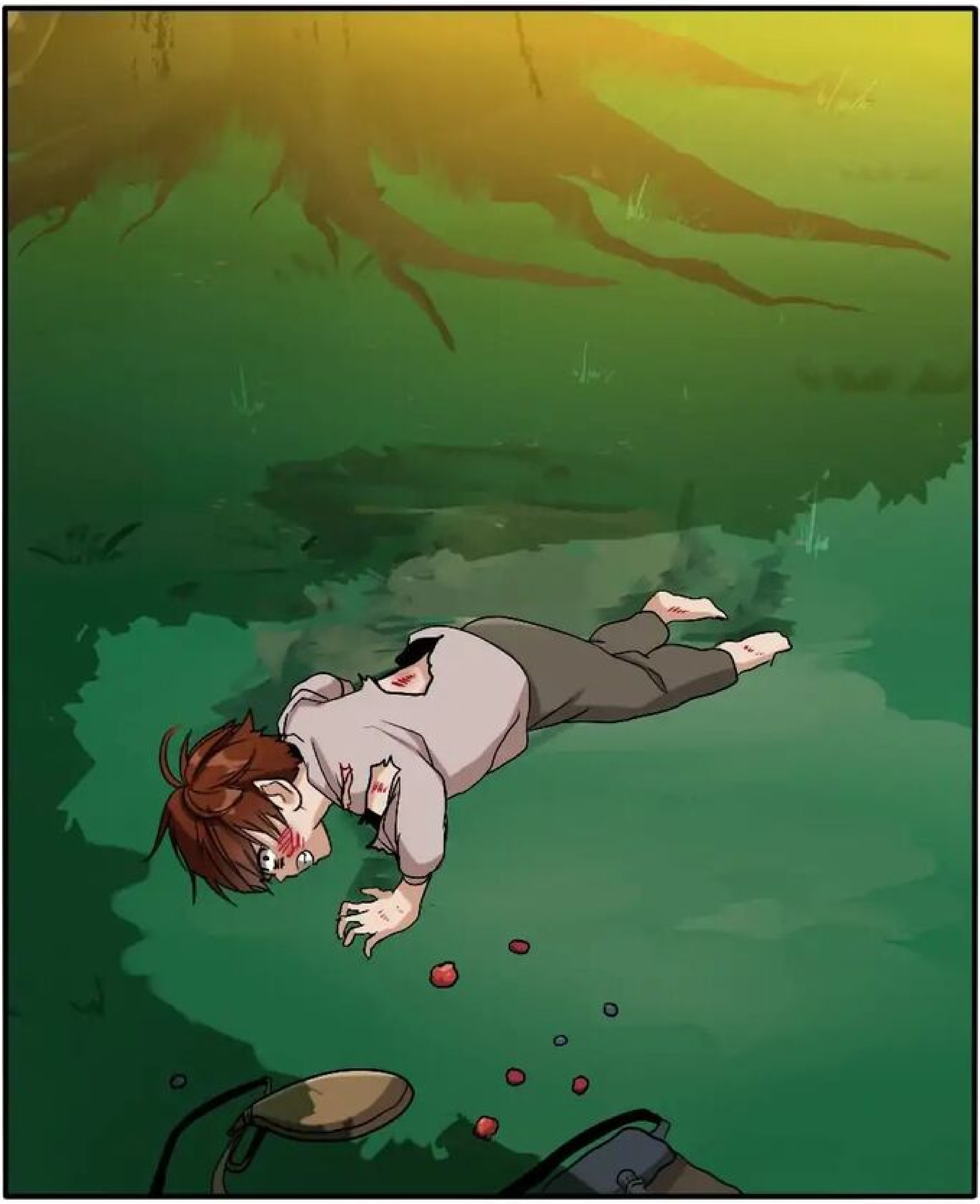

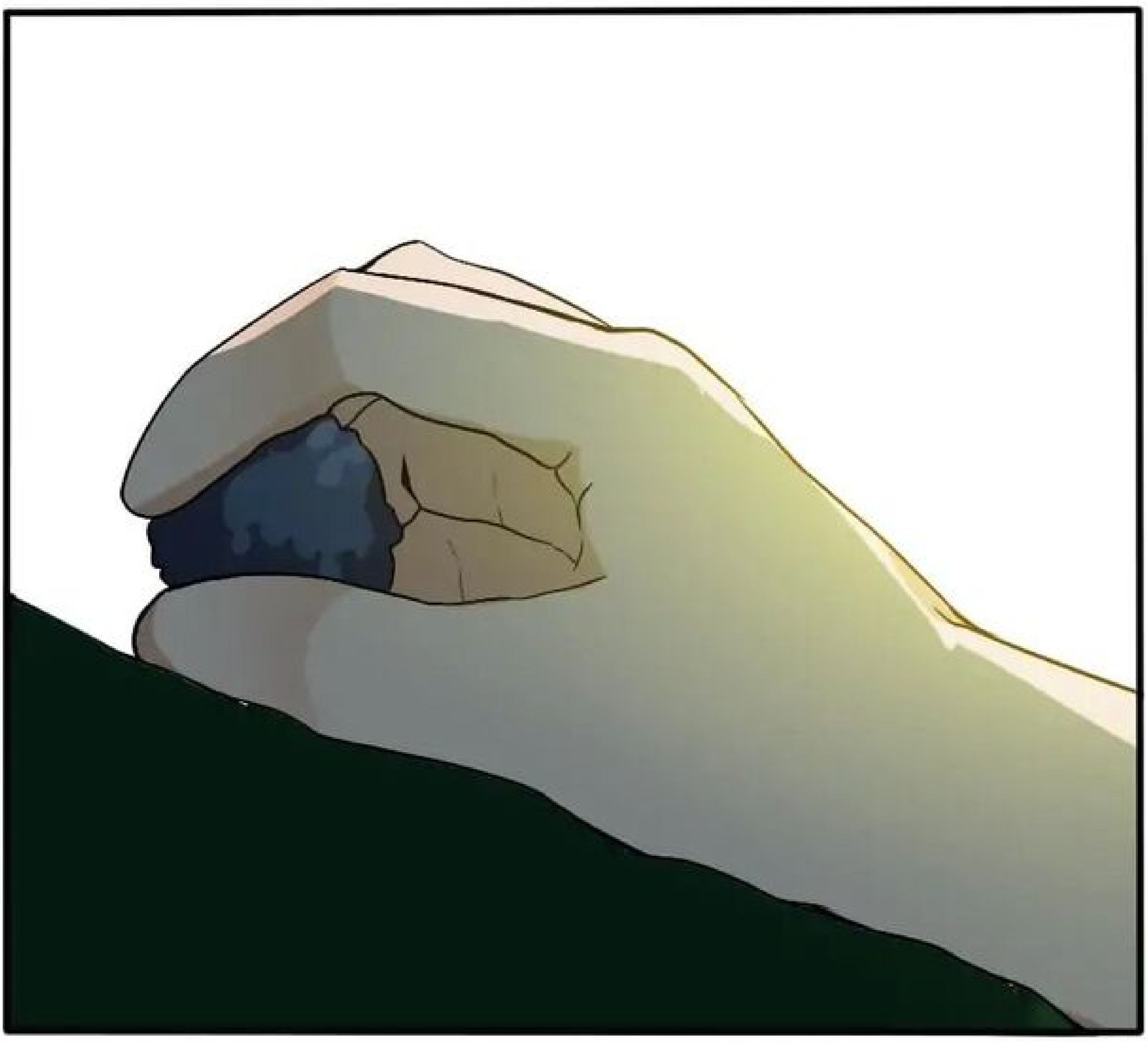

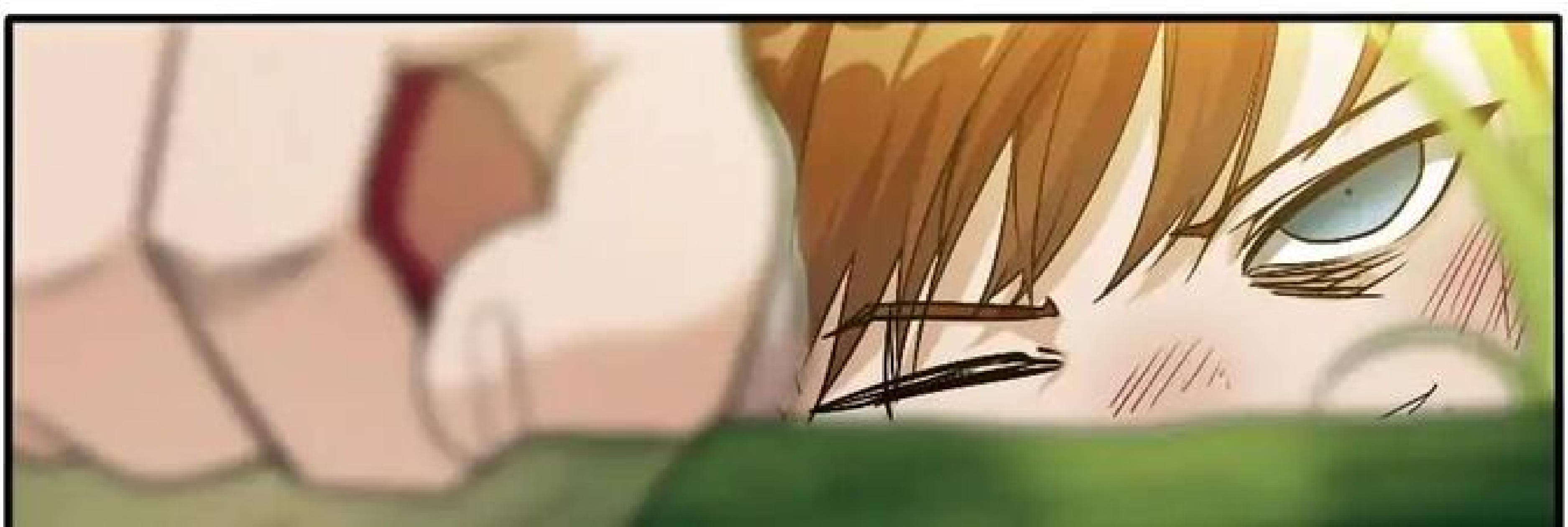

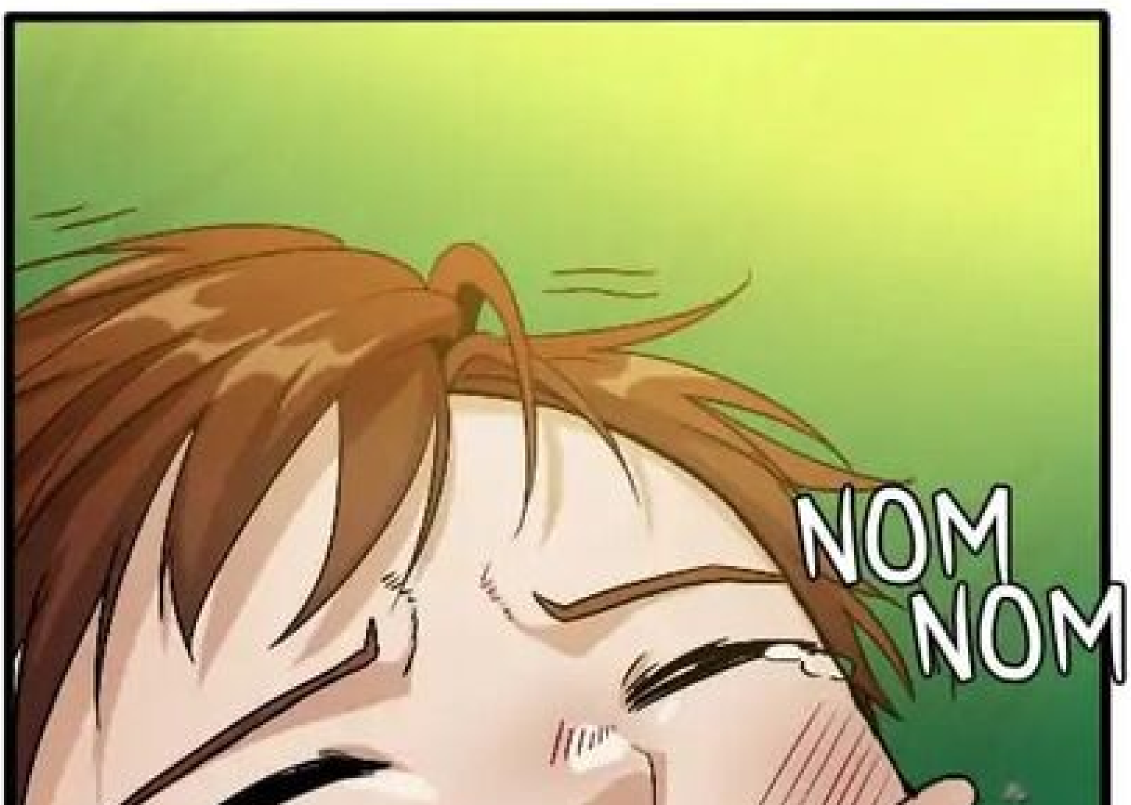
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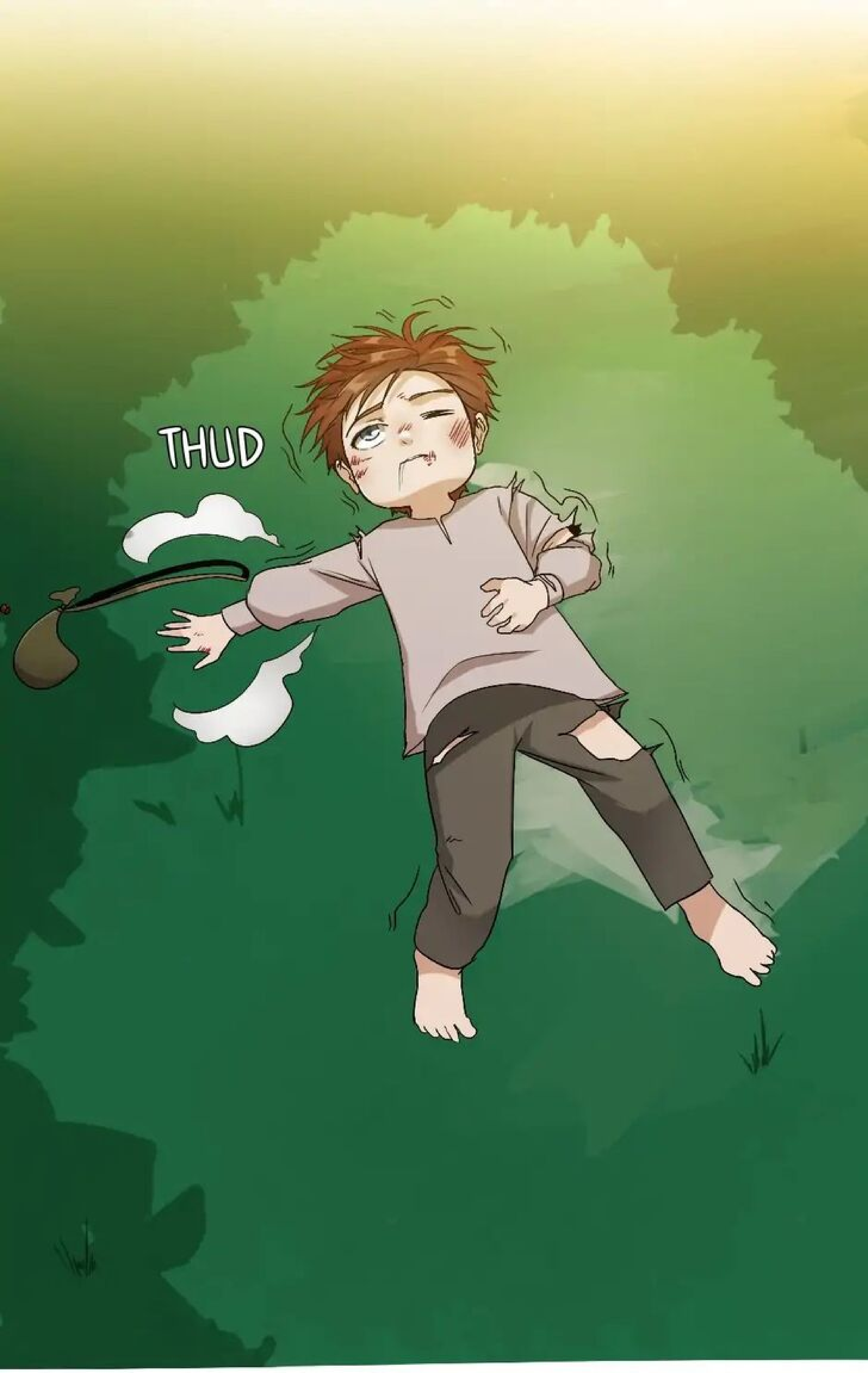
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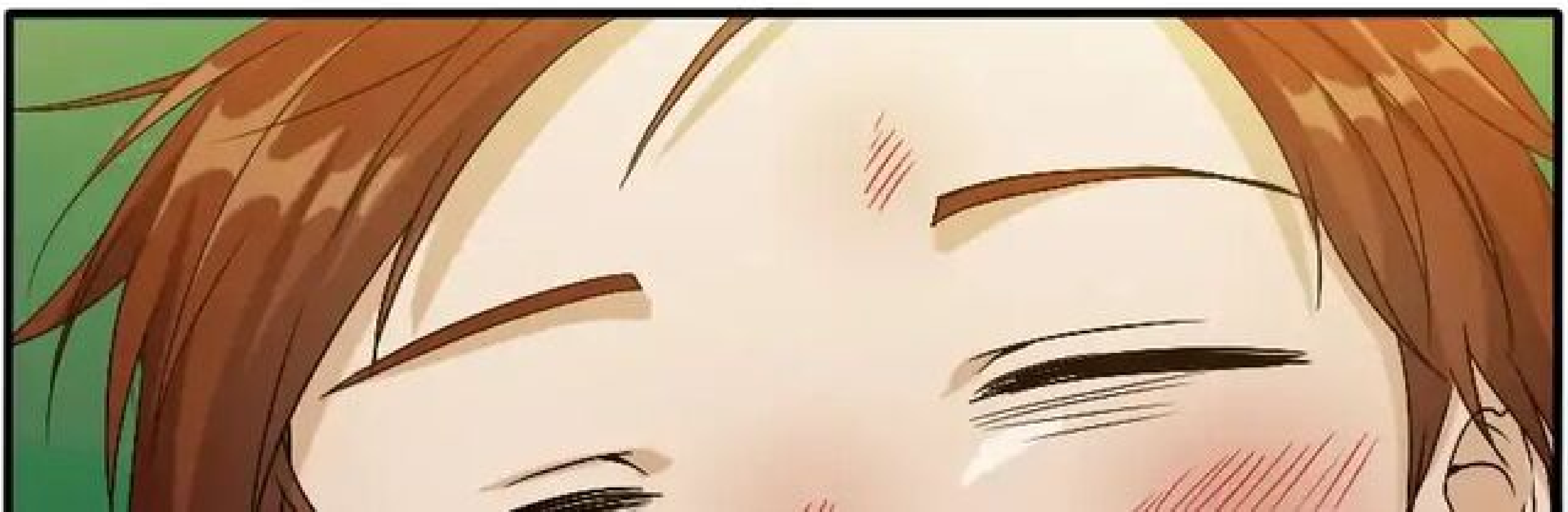

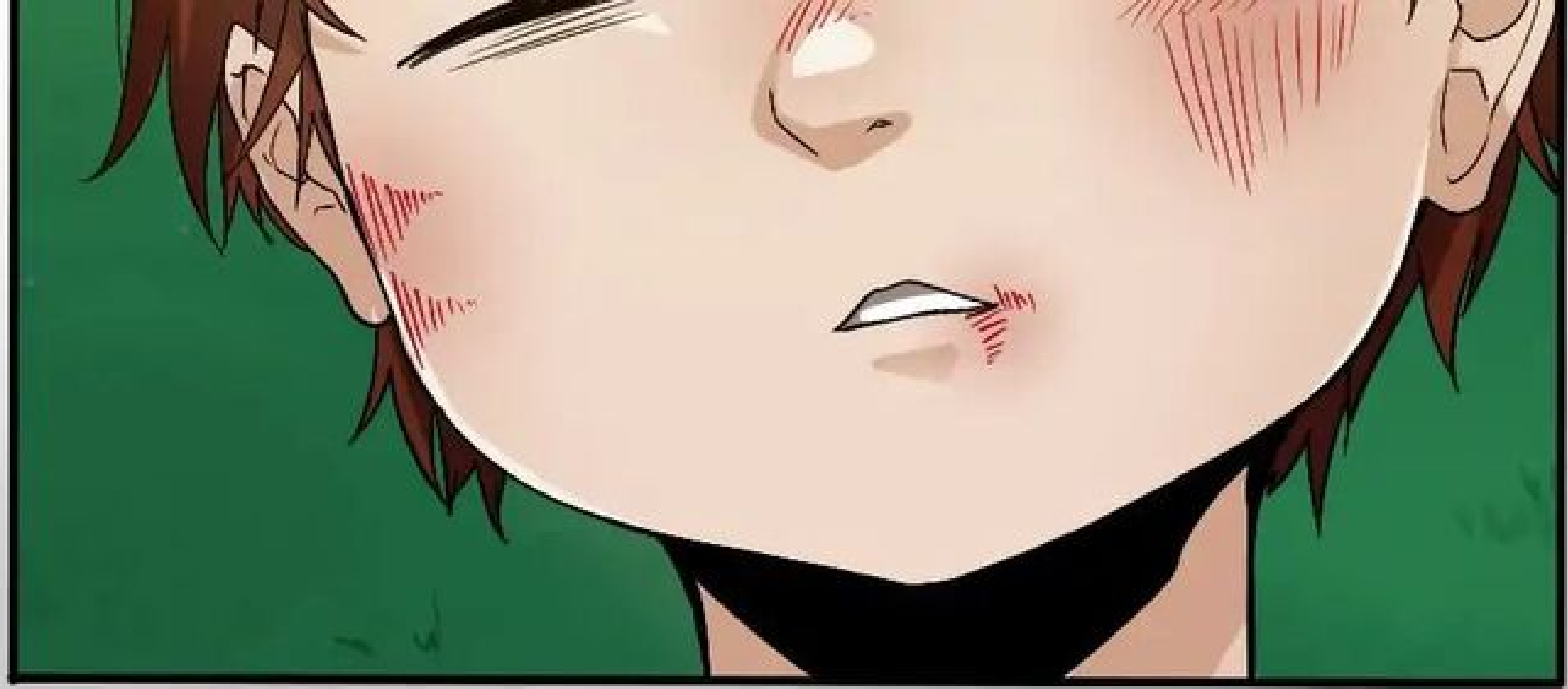

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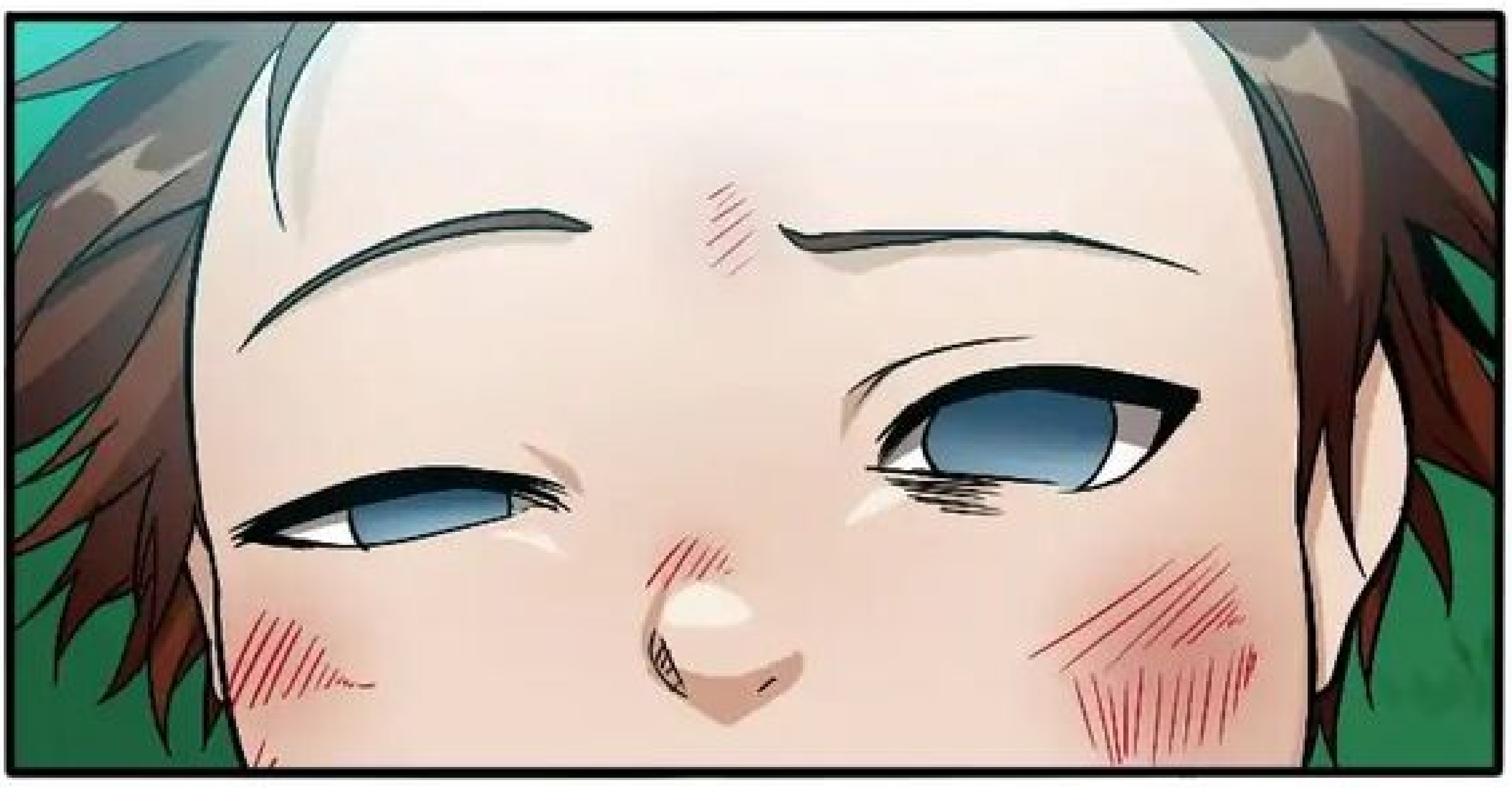

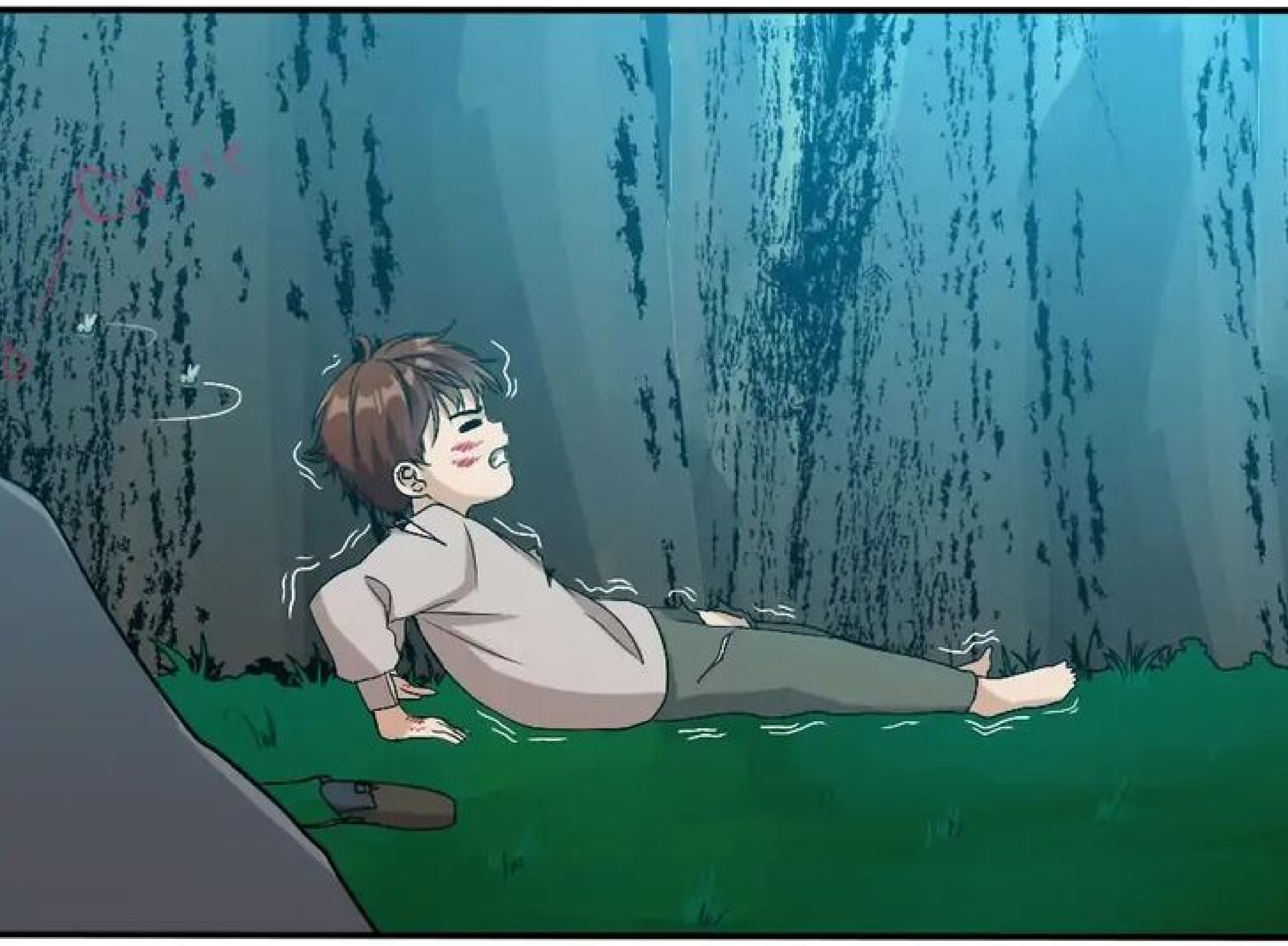

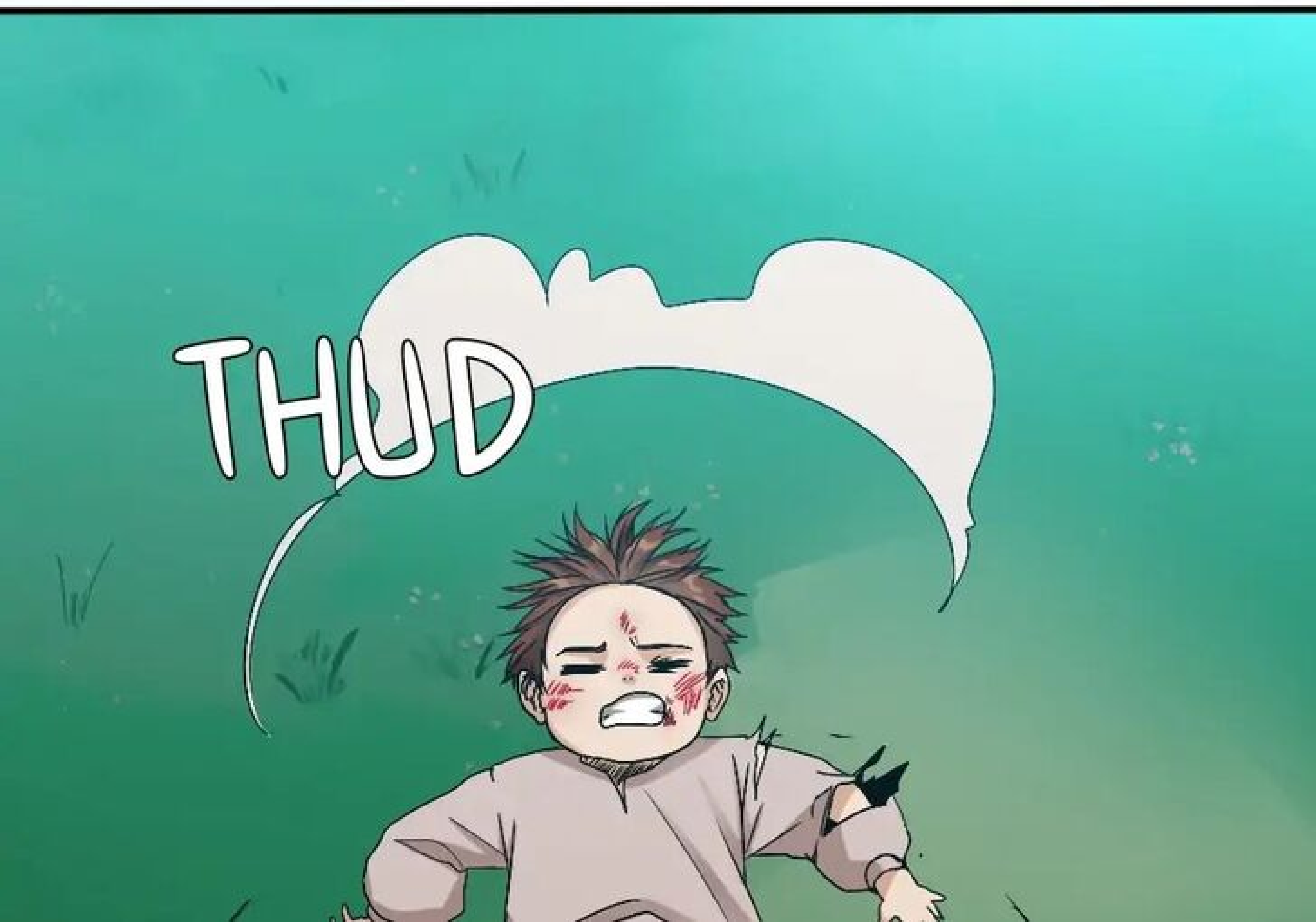
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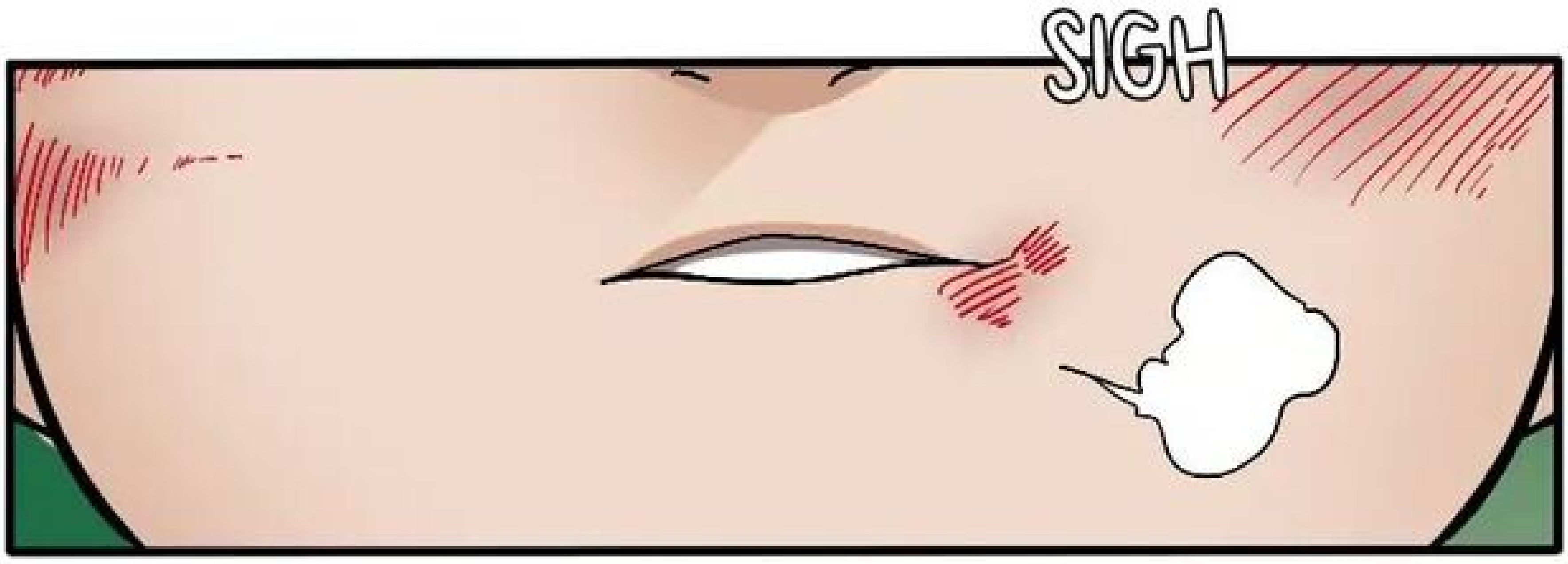
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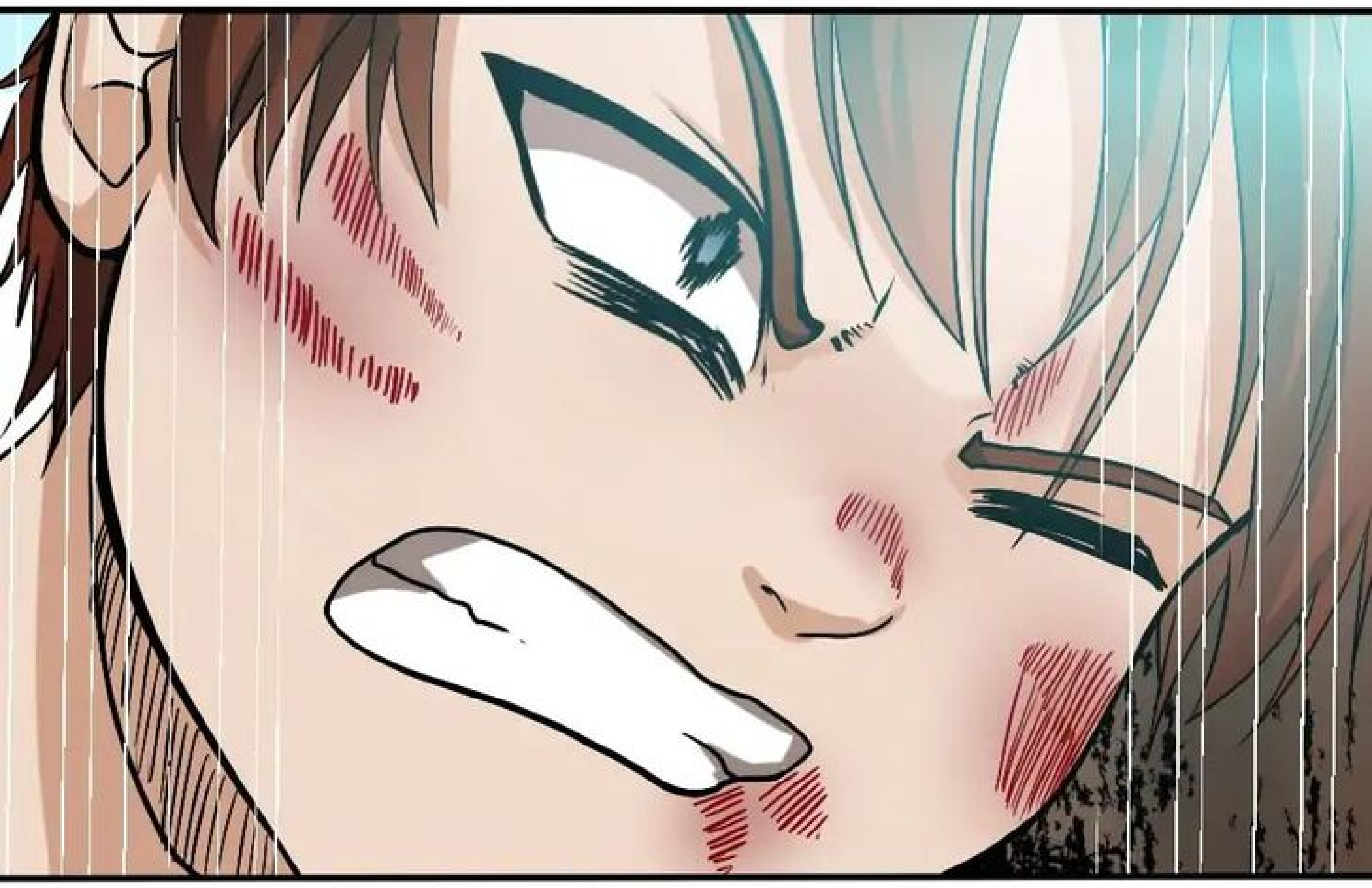

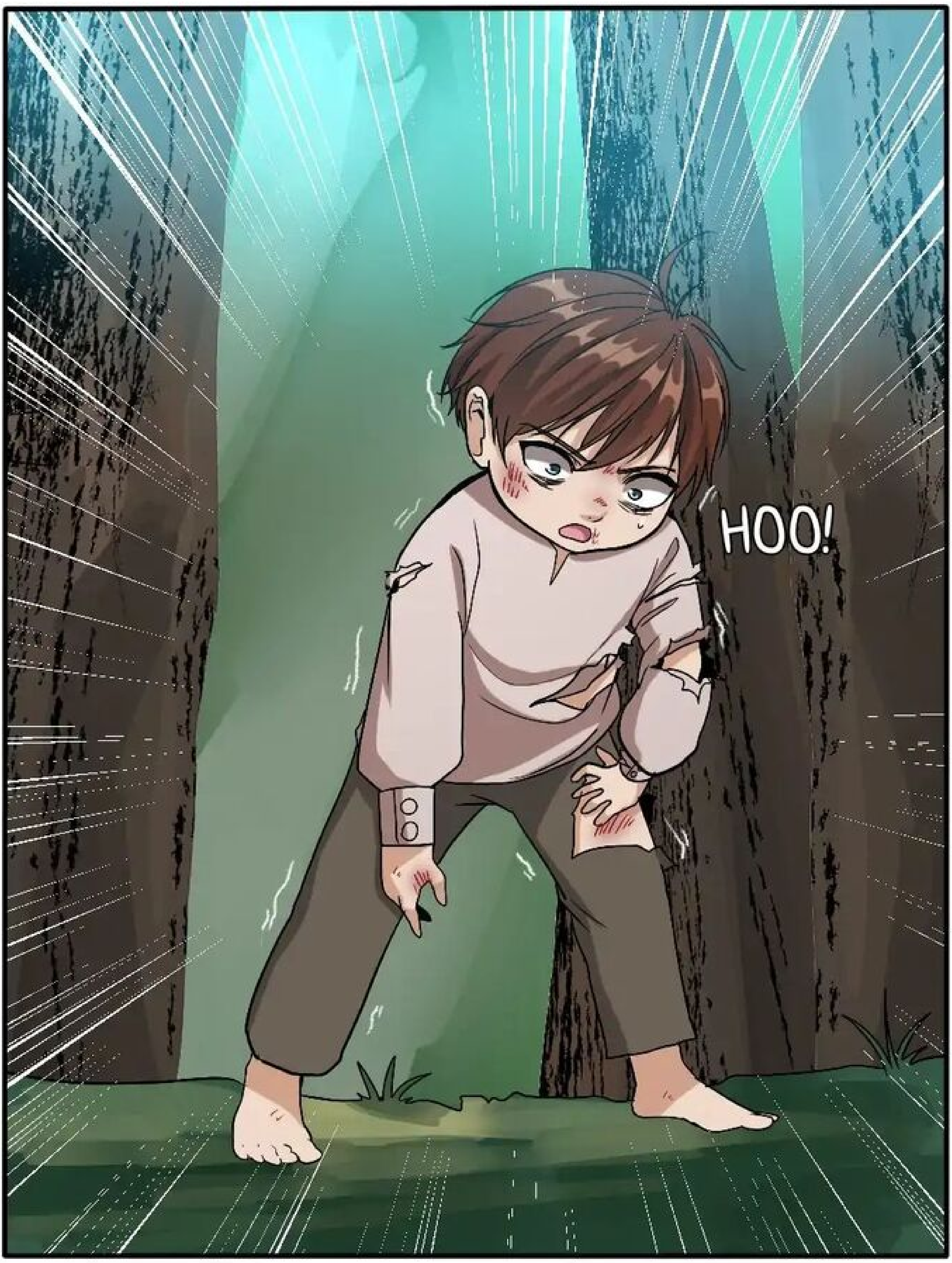
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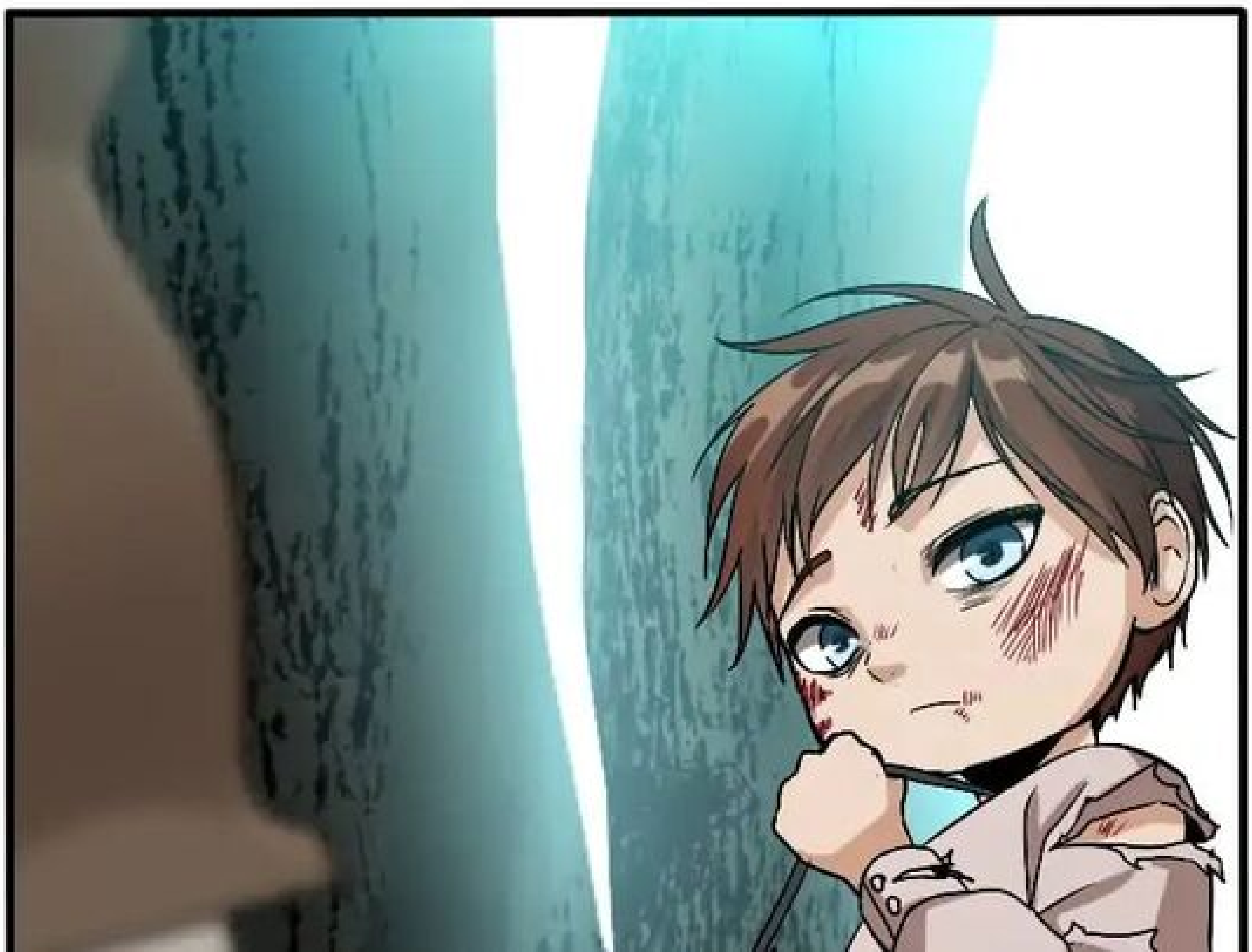

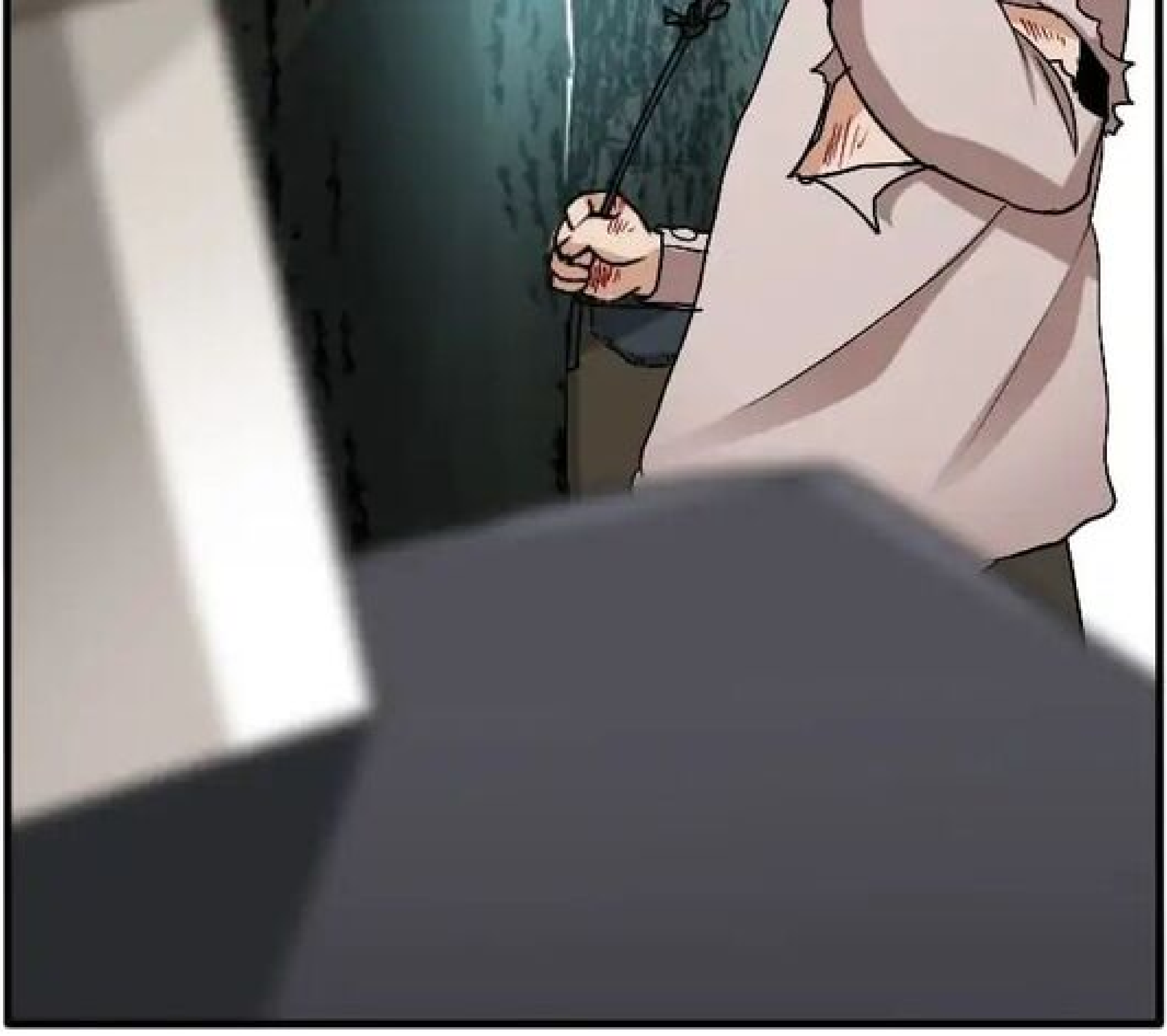

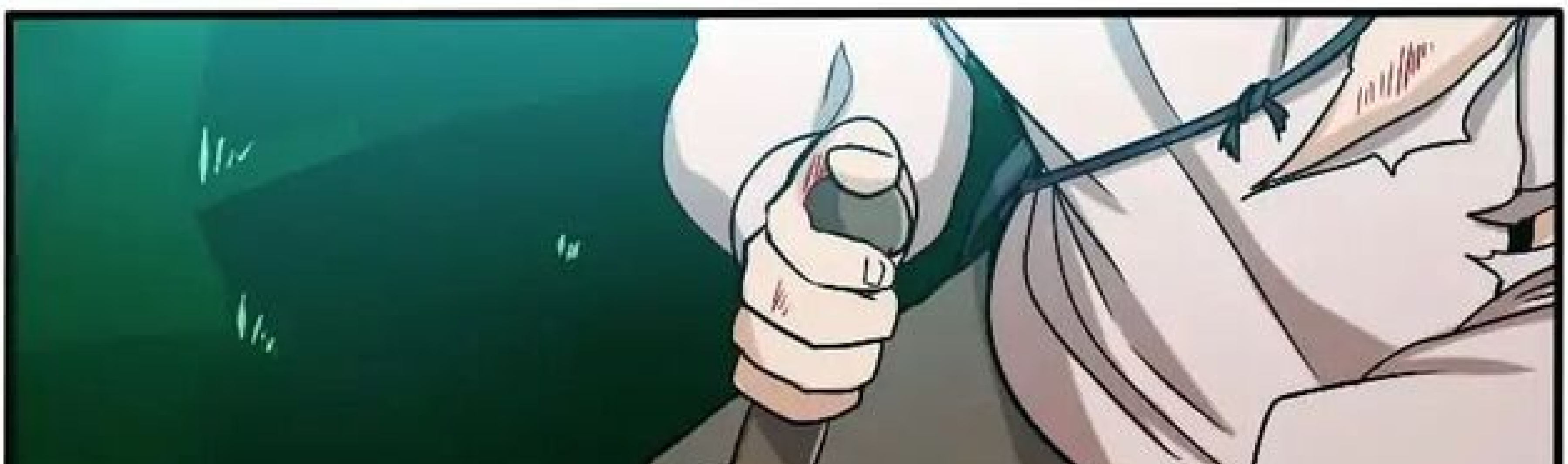
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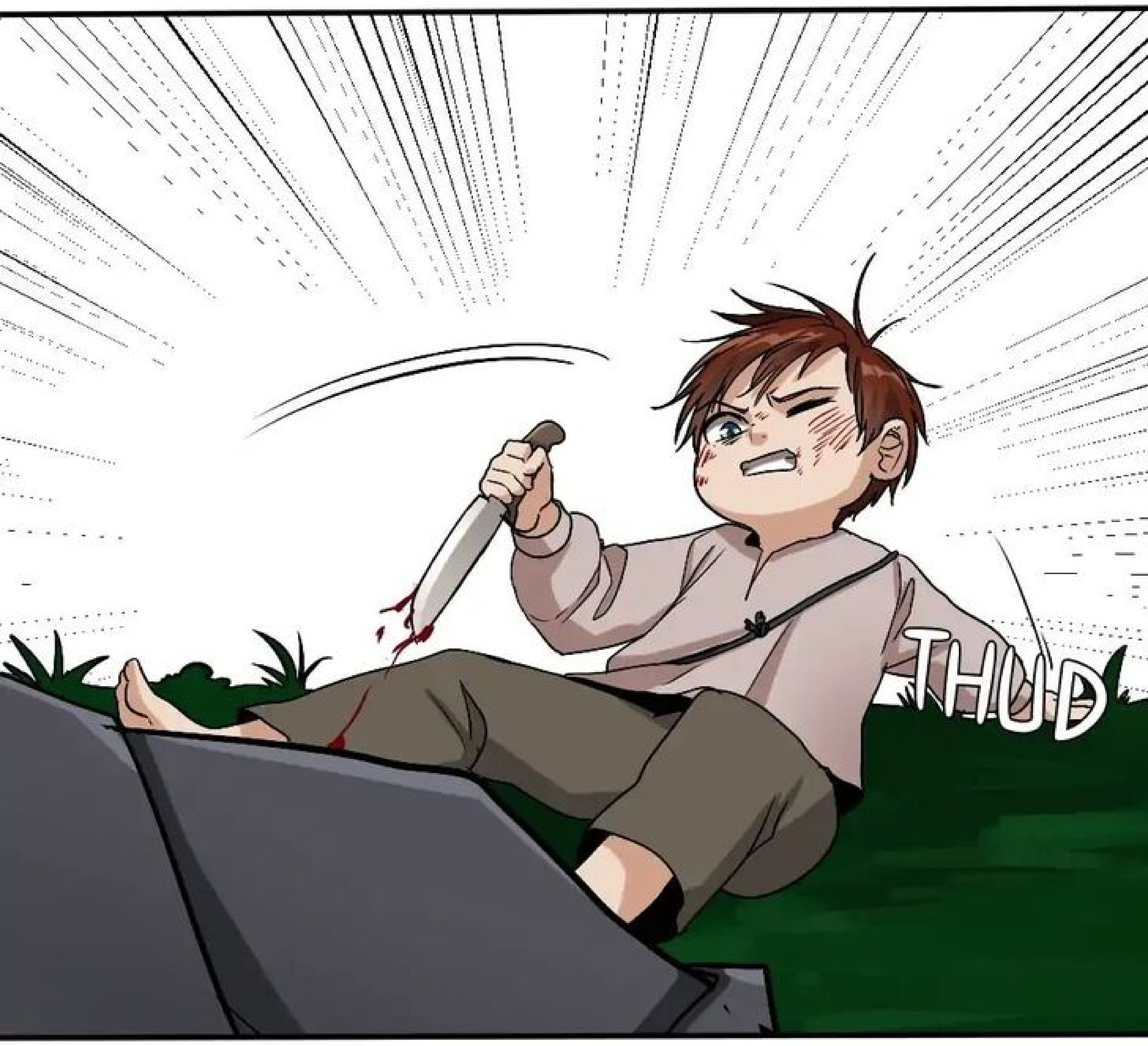
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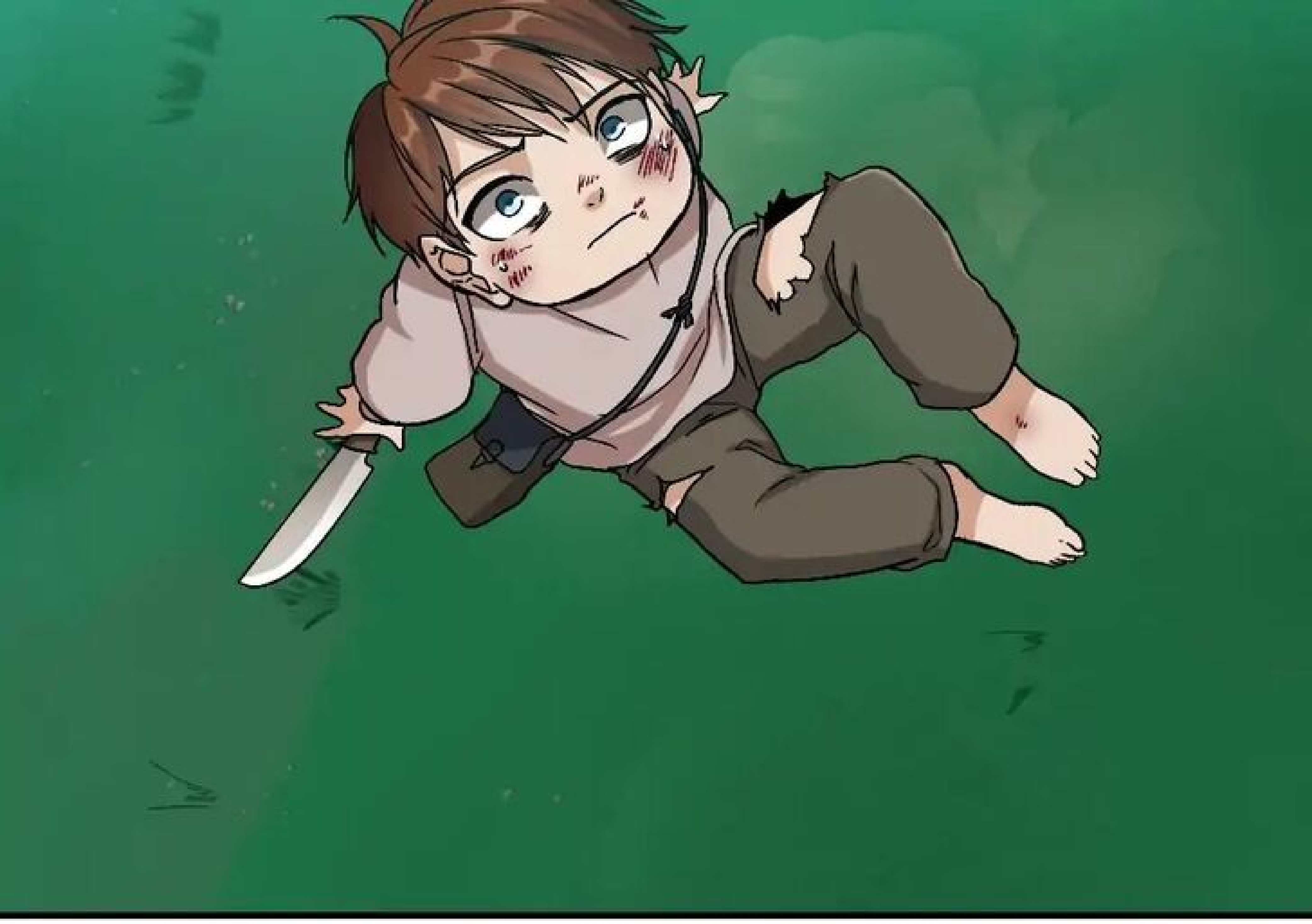
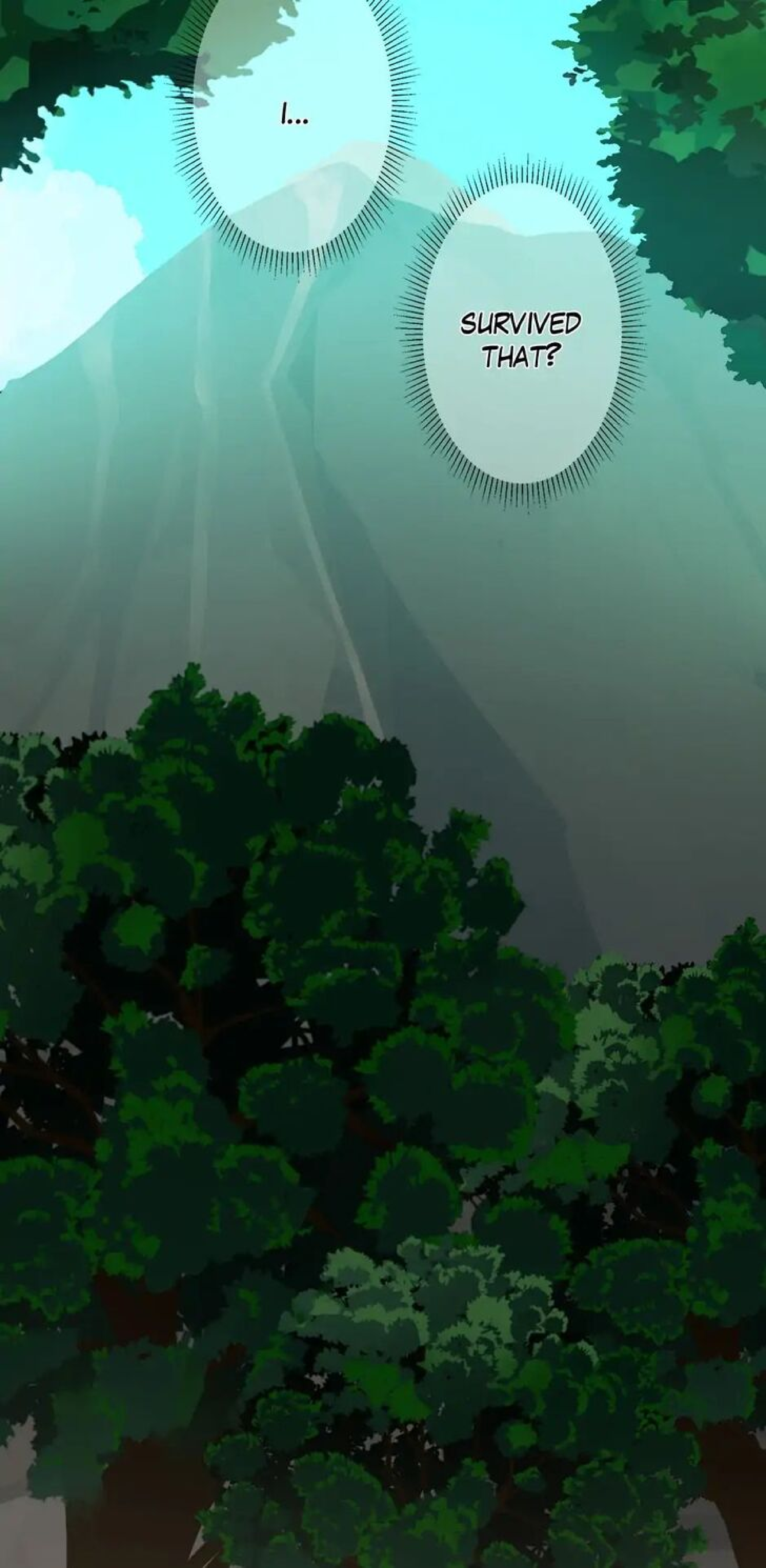
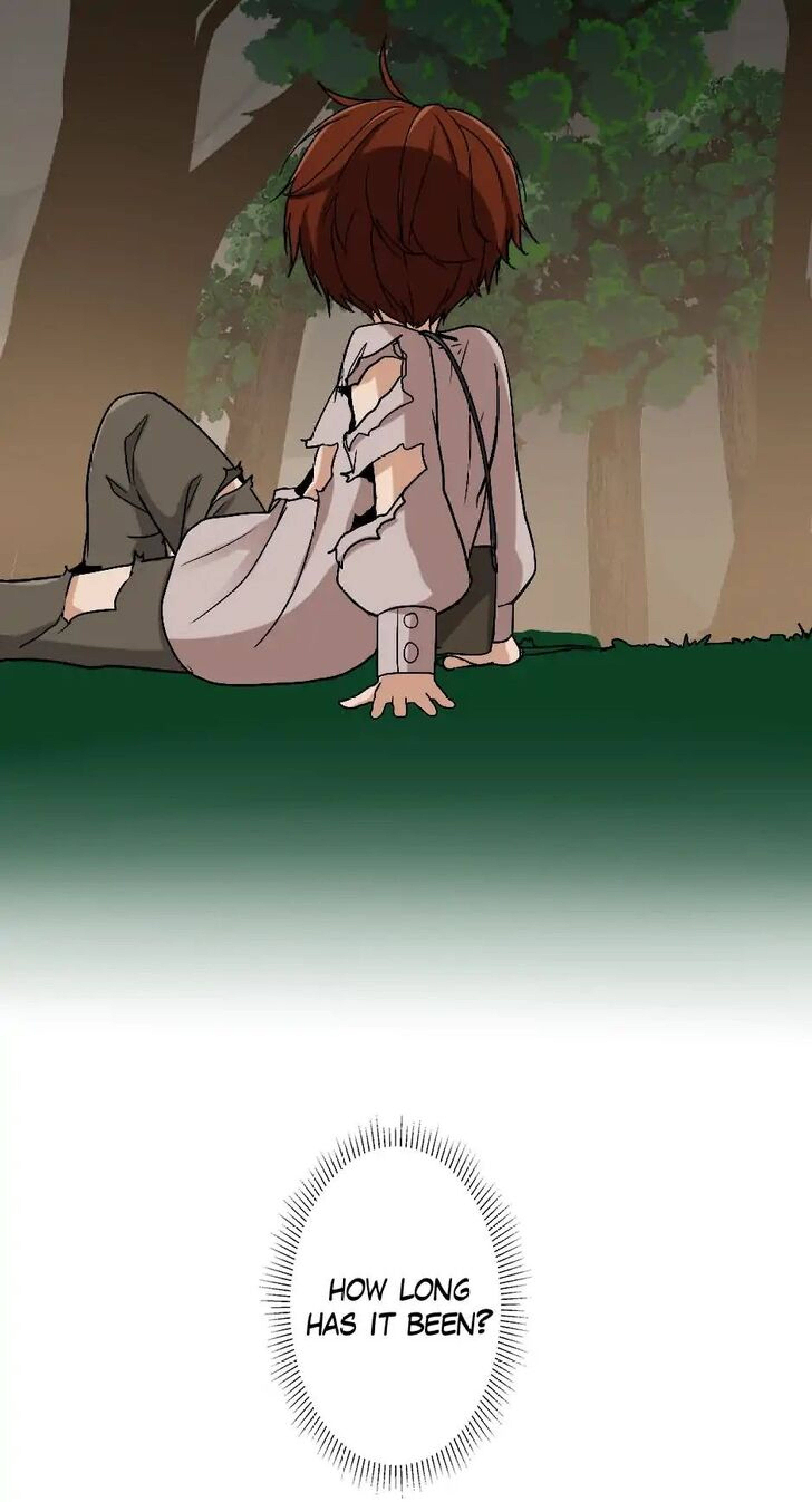



I...
SURVIVED THAT?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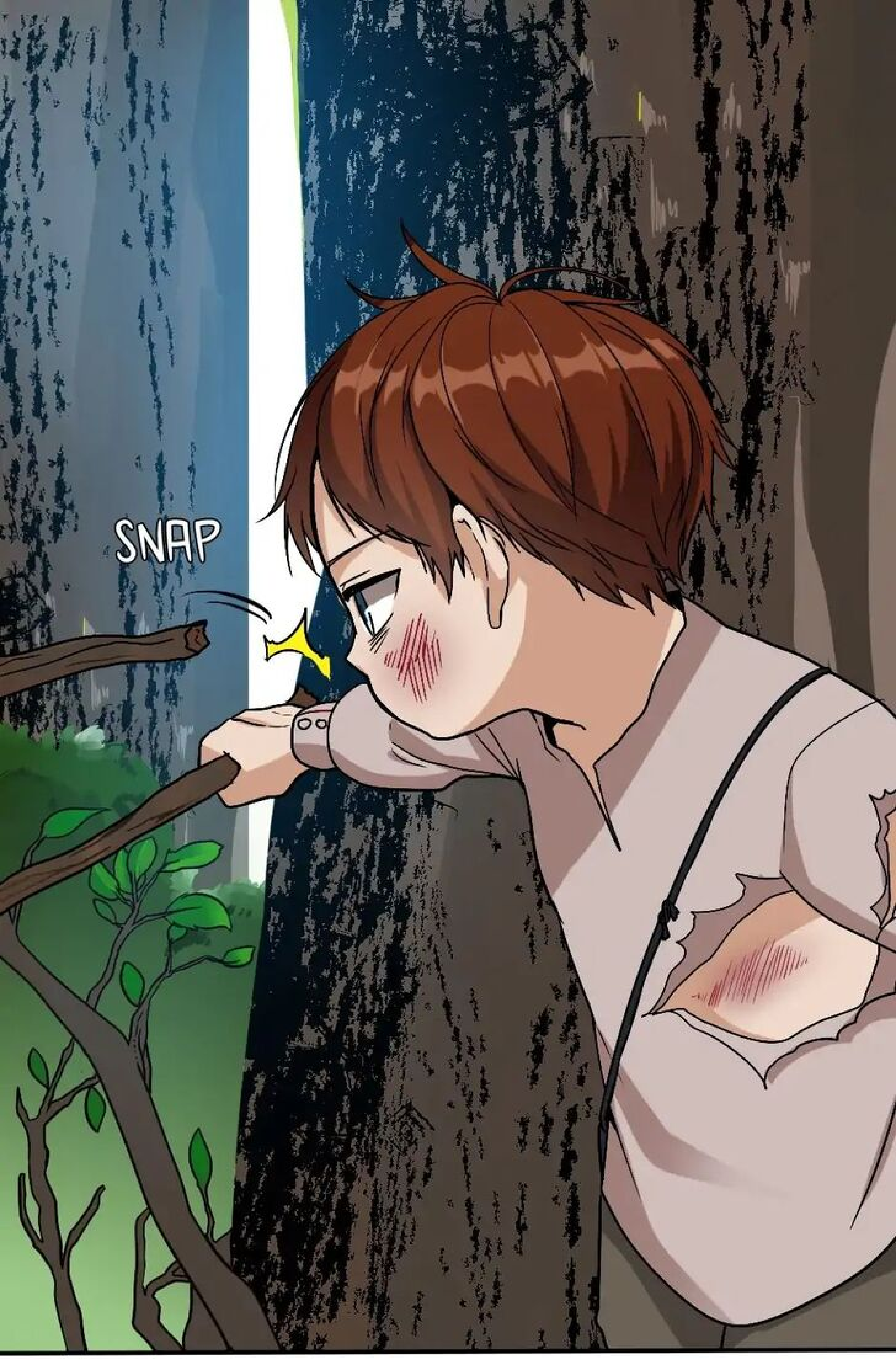
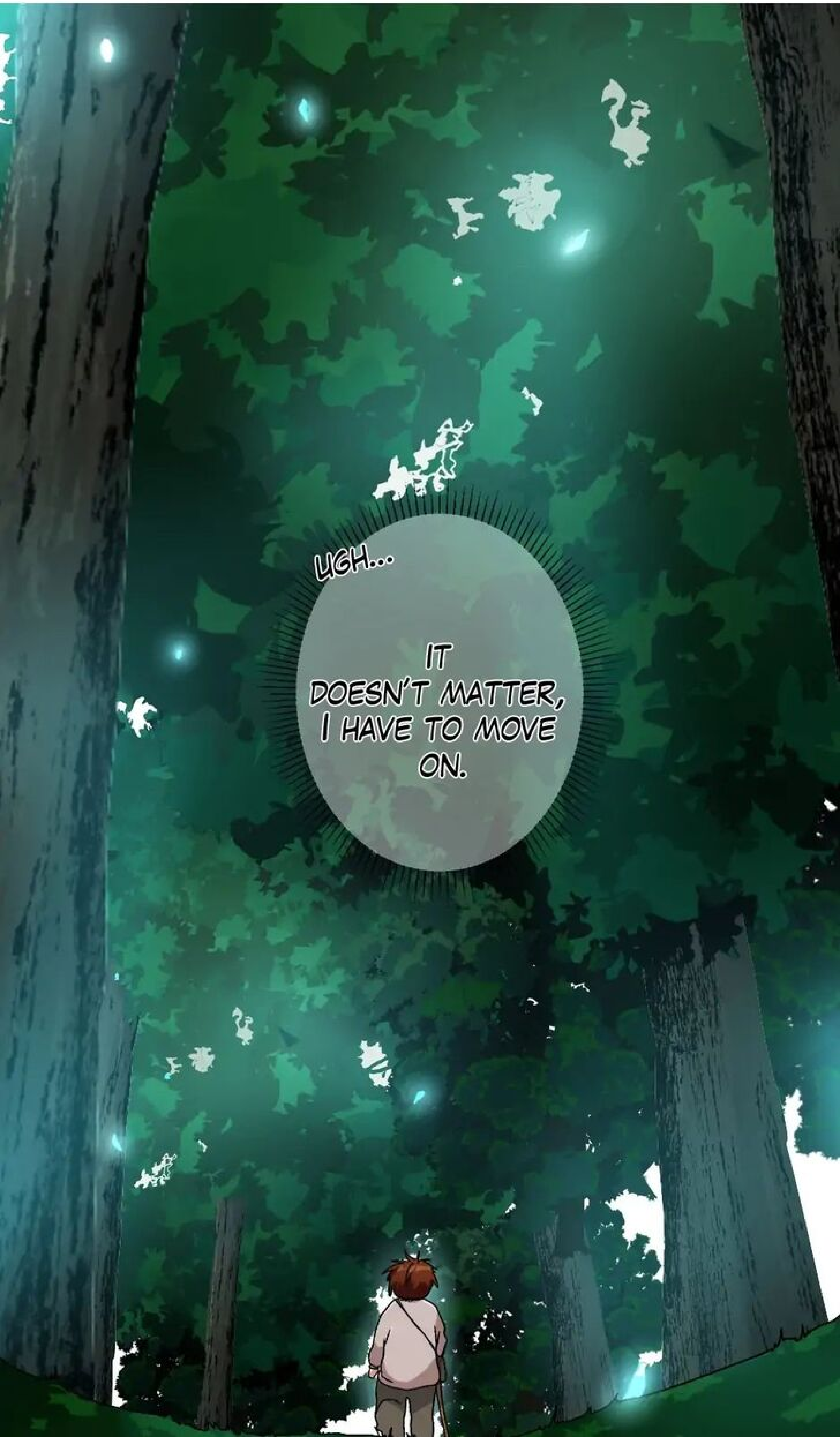

SNAP

AND...
WHERE
AM I?


UGH...
IT DOESN'T MATTER, I HAVE TO MOVE ON.

OH...
YOU'RE AWAKE?

HUH?

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